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DIGEST OF THE LAWS
OF THE
Independent Order of Odd-Fellows
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

CONTAINING
THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND RULES OF
ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF ONTARIO,
AND THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER FOR
SUBORDINATE LODGES, AND THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE ON TRIALS, AND NU-
MEROUS DECISIONS OF THE
GRAND LODGE.

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ENTERED according to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, by
J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, at the Department of Agriculture.

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Copy of the Original Charter of the Grand Lodge.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

To All Whom it May Concern:—We, WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of North America, and the Jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging:—

FRIEND. HIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

Know ye, That by virtue of the powers in us vested, we do hereby AUTHORIZE and EMPOWER our trusty and well beloved Lodges—Brock Lodge, No. 9; Union Lodge, No. 16; Eureka Lodge, No. 30; Chatham Lodge, No. 29; Elgin Lodge, No. 32; Erie Lodge, No. 33; Ontario Lodge, No. 12; Gore Lodge, No. 34; Industry Lodge, No. 25; Victoria Lodge, No. 27; Morpeth Lodge and their successors duly and legally elected, to constitute a GRAND LODGE in the Province of Canada West, to be known and hailed by the title of

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA WEST,

and we do further authorize and empower our said trusty and well beloved Grand Lodge to hear and determine all and singular matters and things relating to the Order within the Jurisdiction of the said GRAND LODGE according to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, provided always that the said GRAND LODGE pays due respect to the

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ORIGINAL CHARTER.

Grand Lodge of the United States and the ordinances thereof; otherwise this Dispensation to be of no force or effect.



GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL at the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, this twenty-seventh day of July, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and of our Order the Thirty-Seventh.

Signed,

WILMOT G. DESAUSSURE,

Grand Sire.

JAS. L. RIDGLEY, G. S.

Declaration of Incorporation.

The undersigned WILLIAM FITZSIMMONS, of the Town of Brockville, in the County of Leeds, Esquire, Most Worthy Grand Master of the Society hereinafter referred to as the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows; HENRY EDWIN BUTTERY, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, Salesman, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master of the said Society; JOHN THOMAS HORNIBROOK, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Bookkeeper, Right Worthy Grand Warden of the said Society; JOSIAH BROWN KING, of the Town of Brantford, in the County of Brant, Hatter, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the said Society; GEORGE IRWIN, of the town of Windsor, in the County of Essex, Engine Driver, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer of the said Society, and JAMES WOODYATT, of the said Town of Brantford, Town Clerk, and JOHN BARR, of the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, Commission Merchant, Right Worthy Grand Representatives of the said Society to the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows; the said several persons constituting the Executive Board and Office Bearers for the time being of the said Society do hereby declare—

1. That a Society known as the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario (formerly Canada West) of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows has been established and in existence in the Province of Ontario since the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and such Society does still exist.

2. The several persons whose names and descriptions

are hereinbefore set forth are, at the present time, the Executive Board and Office Bearers of the said Society, and they do hereby declare that it is the desire of the said Society to become incorporated according to the provisions of the Act passed by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario in the thirty-seventh year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies."

3. The intended corporate name of the said Society is "THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS."

4. The purpose and object of the said Society is for the mutual relief and protection of its members by making provision, by means of dues, contributions, subscriptions and donations, against sickness, misfortune and death, and for relieving the widows and orphan children of members deceased. To govern by sound laws and regulations the branches of the said Society which are subordinate to it, with a view of ensuring co-operation and uniformity of action, and of securing more effectually the permanence of the blessings to be derived from the right exercise of those ennobling and heaven-born principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, on which the Society is founded.

5. Annexed hereto is a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the said Society, and by which it is governed.

Signed,	WM. FITZSIMMONS,
Signed,	H. E. BUTTERY,
Signed,	J. T. HORNIBROOK,
Signed,	J. B. KING,
Signed,	GEO. IRWIN,
Signed,	JAMES WOODYATT,
Signed,	JOHN BARR.

This Declaration was duly signed and made by the several persons therein named before me, at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, on the nineteenth day of November, 1874, except by J. T. Hornibrook, who made and signed the same the seventh of January, 1875.

Signed,

G. DUGGAN,
*Judge County Court, County
of York.*

TORONTO, January 7th, 1875.

I, GEORGE DUGGAN, Judge of the County Court of the County of York, do hereby certify that the documents hereto annexed, being a declaration by the Office Bearers of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the said Society, appear to me to be in conformity with the fifth section of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, intituled "An Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies."

Signed,

G. DUGGAN,
*Judge of the County Court of
the County of York.*

Note.—By an order of His Honor, Joseph E. McDougall, Judge of the County Court of the County of York, made on the twenty-sixth day of October, 1887, the name of the Grand Lodge was changed, and it was ordered that the Grand Lodge should henceforth be known by the name and style of "THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS."

3. O. O. F.

At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, held at Toronto on the 15th day of August, 1890, it was decided by the Grand Lodge that a Committee should be appointed by the Grand Master to have the Book of Laws compiled in the form of a Digest, and that, after the same should be approved by the Grand Master, an edition of one thousand copies should be printed and sold at the usual advance on cost. (*Journal*, 1890: p. 4922.) *

Whereupon the Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bros. Cl. T. Campbell, Henry Robertson and J. B. King as such Committee.

ATTEST:

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary.



J. O. O. Jf.

TO JOHN ORMISTON, ESQ.,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The undersigned having been honored by you with the appointment as a Committee to prepare a Digest of the Laws of Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction, beg leave to submit the following as the result of their labors

This compilation includes all the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge and the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, together with such of the Notes in the "Book of Laws" of 1882, and such of the Decisions and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge from 1882 to 1890 inclusive, as have been found sufficiently important and applicable to our present laws to be inserted, the intention being to make this work (coupled with "White's Digest") a full and complete guide to the Laws of Odd-Fellowship in Ontario.

Your Committee present this Digest for your confirmation, as being in accordance with the Laws of the Order, and for the government of the Lodges and Members of the Order throughout this jurisdiction.

HY. ROBERTSON,
CL. T. CAMPBELL,
J. B. KING.

MARCH 24th, 1891.

3. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

GANANOQUE, March 28th, 1891.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:—

Fraternal Greeting.

Whereas Brothers CL. T. CAMPBELL, Deputy Grand Sire; HENRY ROBERTSON, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative, and J. B. KING, Grand Secretary, were duly appointed by me, under the authority of the Grand Lodge, to prepare a Digest of the Laws of Odd-Fellowship in Ontario, and they having reported the following Digest as the result of their labors, and that the various provisions therein contained are in accordance with the laws of the Order, and the same having been examined by me and confirmed,

Therefore, by the authority of the Grand Lodge, I do hereby certify and declare that the said Digest is published for the information and government of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

JNO. ORMISTON,
Grand Master.



ATTEST,

J. B. KING,
Grand Secretary.

Abbreviations.

- G. L. C.* —Grand Lodge Constitution.
G. L. By.—Grand Lodge By-laws.
S. L. C.—Subordinate Lodge Constitution.
The numbers refer to the Sections.
Four.—Grand Lodge Journal of Proceedings.
The numbers indicate the year and page.
Dig.—White's Digest of 1889.

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DIGEST OF LAWS.

ABSENCE.

1. In the Grand Lodge in the absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master shall preside; in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master the Grand Warden shall preside; in the absence of the above named officers the Junior Past Grand Master shall take the chair; and if no Past Grand Master be present, a representative shall be chosen by open vote to preside during the meeting, or until the arrival of the proper officer.—G. L. By. 10.

2. Any office in a Subordinate Lodge, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.—S. L. C. 30.

3. In the absence of the Noble Grand, Vice Grand and all Past Grands a Lodge cannot be opened.—Jour. 1874: p. 739.

ACCOUNTS.

4. It shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge Auditors to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer prior to each annual session of the Grand Lodge, and report upon the same.—G. L. By. 36.

5. The Grand Lodge Committee on Finance shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to examine, at each regular session, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and all other claims and matters laid before them, and report thereon ; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem to be expedient and necessary.—G. L. By. 39.

6. All claims against the Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same. No claim will be considered unless in the form of a definitely itemized account.—G. L. By. 56

7. When such claims have been reported correct and approved by the Grand Lodge,

the Grand Master shall issue an order on the Grand Treasurer, attested by the Grand Secretary, for the payment of the same, which payment shall be duly entered in the books of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer.—G. L. By. 57.

8. In case of urgency, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, at his discretion, issue such order, making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.—G. L. By. 58.

ADVISORY BOARD.

9. The Elective Grand Officers and Grand Representatives shall constitute an advisory board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, and whose duty it shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties to introduce and submit to their notice and consideration during the recess of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 12.

10. The Advisory Board has power to appoint a special committee to carry out any particular work it may deem necessary.—Jour. 1880: pp. 1922, 1986.

AMALGAMATION.

(See MERGEMENT.)

11. A Subordinate Lodge may surrender its Charter and be merged into another Lodge; or two or more Lodges may be amalgamated under the terms and conditions prescribed in the By-laws of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 24.

12. When two or more Lodges desire to be united, each Lodge shall present a petition to that effect to the Grand Lodge, or during recess, to the Grand Master; such petition shall set forth that the question of union had been affirmatively voted upon after due notice sent each member, and that there were not five members able and willing to retain the Charter and work the Lodge; and shall also give a statement of the funds and effects, and assets and liabilities of the Lodge, and a list of members, with their rank and financial standing and P. O. address.—G. L. By. 74.

13. On receipt of said petition the Grand Lodge, or during recess, the Grand Master, may grant the prayer and authorize the amalgamation of the petitioning lodges.—G. L. By. 75.

14. When the union of said petitioning Lodges has been approved, the Grand Master shall cause notice to be sent to each unsuspended member of the several Lodges at least one week prior to the date fixed for effecting such union, and shall summon him to be present in person at the time and place appointed for that purpose; and shall also notify the officers of the several Lodges to produce and surrender at said time and place all the funds, effects, books, papers and Charters of the said Lodges.—G. L. By. 76.

15. On the production and surrender of all the said funds, effects, books, papers and Charters, the Grand Master shall issue a dispensation for a Lodge to the members of the several Lodges present and desiring to be united, and shall, in person or by deputy, institute the same; and shall transfer to it, as soon as instituted, all the funds, effects, books and papers of the united Lodges; and said Lodge shall therewith assume and pay all the liabilities and responsibilities of the several Lodges out of which it has been formed, and its members shall have such rank and standing as the books of the uniting Lodges shall show.—G. L. By. 77.

16. Any member of any of the uniting Lodges who shall fail to be present at the institution of the united Lodge may, on application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Withdrawal Card, as provided for members of extinct Lodges, and should he apply for admission by such card to the united Lodge within six months from the date of its institution, the vote necessary for his election to membership shall be a majority vote by ballot of those present and voting.—G. L. By. 78.

AMENDMENTS.

17. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by the votes of two-thirds of the Representatives present at an annual session of the Grand Lodge, and upon notice of such alteration or amendment, in the exact terms of the amendment proposed, being given at the annual session next preceding, and a copy thereof being sent to each Subordinate Lodge by the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Session at which the vote is taken; provided that all changes which may be required

to make the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge conform to such laws, rules and regulations as may be made by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be ordered at any annual session.—G. L. C. 27.

18. The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge may be amended, altered or repealed at any session of the Grand Lodge by a two thirds majority of the members present and voting, on a notice given at a previous sitting.—G. L. By. 111.

19. The Constitution and the Rules of Procedure on Trials, and Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the Representatives present and voting.—S. L. C. 71.

ANCIENT ODD-FELLOW.

(See WHITE'S DIGEST, 758.)

20. Any brother or Ancient Odd-Fellow, desirous of joining a Lodge, must present a Withdrawal Card or Dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a mem-

ber, and his application shall then be disposed of according to the regulations governing candidates, provided that, in case of the application of a brother, who, within six months previous to such application, has been a member of a Lodge which has merged into or united with the Lodge applied to, the vote necessary to receive shall be a majority vote by ballot.—S. L. C. 6.

ANNUITY.

21. Every Lodge shall make such disposition of its Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the relief and benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Lodge, who were in good standing as required by the By-Laws at the time of their decease, as it shall see fit, except by annuity. —S. L. C. 55.

APPEALS.

See COURTS OF LAW.

22. Upon the investigation of any appeal the Grand Lodge has full power and jurisdiction to dismiss the appeal; approve the proceedings; affirm the decision appealed from;

reverse, modify or change the decision or sentence; remove any suspension or expulsion; restore any brother to his full rights and privileges; inflict a penalty where the Lodge has failed to do so; set aside the proceedings for informality or irregularity; remand the case for further proceedings; order a new trial, or give such directions as may seem proper.—G. L. C. 26.

23. The Grand Lodge Committee on Appeals shall be composed of seven members, to whom shall be referred all appeals and grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof (unless in the case of charges against members of the Grand Lodge), on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action as they may consider necessary. No member of this Committee shall act as such on any appeal to which he himself may be a party.—G. L. By. 40.

24. Any Lodge or brother may appeal to the Grand Lodge against any decision or order of a Lodge, or of any officer of a Lodge, or of any officer of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 105.

25. An appeal to the Grand Master or to a District Deputy Grand Master shall contain a

full record of the facts in the case certified under the seal of the Lodge interested, together with the text of the decision, if any rendered, and a statement of the grounds upon which the appeal is based.—G. L. By. 106.

26. All appeals shall be made in writing and filed with the Grand Secretary within two months from the decision or order appealed against. A transcript of the proceedings properly certified shall be sent with the appeal, and a copy of the appeal shall be served on the opposite party within the same two months.—G. L. By. 107.

27. If the appeal is against the decision of a Lodge, the Lodge shall, on demand and on receiving the proper costs and charges thereof, furnish the appellant with a copy of all proceedings in the case, duly certified, and in the event of the appeal being sustained, all such costs and charges shall be refunded by the Lodge to the appellant.—G. L. By. 108.

28. In case an appeal is sustained the brother is thereby restored to his former rights, privileges and membership, unless the Grand Lodge orders otherwise.—G. L. By. 109.

29. Where the penalty adjudged by any Lodge is suspension or expulsion, the accused brother may apply to the Grand Master for an arrest of judgment. This application must be made within the time allowed for appeal, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Lodge at the same time. If the application is granted, and pending the decision of the Grand Master thereon, the proceedings in the case shall be stayed until the appeal is decided by the Grand Lodge, and the standing of the accused brother in his Lodge shall not be affected in the interim unless he shall fail to perfect his appeal within the proper time, or the Grand Master shall refuse the application.—G. L. By. 110.

30. Any member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within two months from the date of the action of the Lodge on the matter to be appealed against, said appeal to be prosecuted in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge; and no member shall carry the case to any of the Civil Courts until after the same has been adjudicated upon by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and, on further appeal by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 64.

31. No member should take legal proceedings against his Lodge until his case has been carried before the tribunals of the Order, and there adjudicated upon.—Jour. 1878, pp. 19, 76.

APPLICATION.

See CANDIDATES.

32. Every application for membership to a Subordinate Lodge must be submitted in writing in the form provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and must be accompanied by a reference to at least two other members of the Lodge, and a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, on the form provided by the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 3.

33. The application so made shall be referred to a committee of three members, two of whom shall be appointed by the N.G., and one by the V.G., who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting unless excused by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or unless the application be withdrawn by the proposer.—S. L. C. 4.

34. A motion to receive the report is not necessary.—Jour. 1873, pp. 579, 617. But

when the report is submitted, and before the ballot is taken, any member has a right to speak on it, either for or against the candidate.—
Jour. 1873, p. 661.

APPOINTMENTS

35. The appointed officers of the Grand Lodge shall be: Grand Marshal, Conductor, Guardian, Chaplain and Herald, to be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 8.

36. The appointed officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be W., C., O.G., I.G., R.S.N.G., L.S.N.G., R.S.V.G., L.S.V.G., R.S.S. and L.S.S., and the Lodge may at its option add a Chaplain.—S. L. C. 24.

37. These officers shall be appointed by the N.G., immediately after his installation, except the R.S.V.G. and L.S.V.G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V.G.—
S. L. C. 25.

38. All members appointed as officers must be in good standing and must have attained to the Third Degree.—S.L.C. 26.

39. The N.G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appointed as O.G. a brother of the Third Degree belonging to any other Lodge in this jurisdiction.—S. L. C. 27.

ARREARS.

See DUES.

ARREST OF JUDGMENT.

40. Where the penalty adjudged by any Lodge is suspension or expulsion, the accused brother may apply to the Grand Master for an arrest of judgment. This application must be made within the time allowed for appeal, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Lodge at the same time. If the application is granted, and pending the decision of the Grand Master thereon, the proceedings in the case shall be stayed until the appeal is decided by the Grand Lodge, and the standing of the accused brother in his Lodge shall not be affected in the interim unless he shall fail to perfect his appeal within the proper time, or the Grand Master shall refuse the application.—G. L. By. 110.

ASSESSMENT.

41. In the case of failure or deficiency in the funds of the Grand Lodge, the amount required may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of unsuspended members in each Lodge, as reported in its last semi-annual return. But the Grand Lodge shall not create any debt or incur any liability requiring a larger amount than can be paid out of its funds on hand, without the sanction previously obtained of at least two-thirds of the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.—G. L. C. 17.

42. Whenever the available cash assets of a Lodge shall be reduced below an amount equal to ten dollars for each unsuspended member, the Lodge may, either by by-law or by resolution adopted after two weeks' notice, assess its members equally in a sum sufficient to increase the funds to the amount required to make up the deficiency.—S. L.C. 50.

AUDITORS.

43. There shall be two Grand Lodge Auditors, one of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and the other shall be elected at the annual session of the Grand Lodge, and shall hold office until his successor is elected ; should any Auditor during recess die, resign, refuse or neglect to act, or become incapacitated, his place shall, from time to time, as occasion rises, be supplied by appointment of the Grand Master.—G. L. C. 10.

44. It shall be the duty of such Auditors to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer prior to each annual session of the Grand Lodge, and report upon the same.—G. L. By. 36.

BALLOT.

45. In balloting for Representatives to the Grand Lodge only one name should be written upon the ballot ; and no one shall be declared elected unless he has received a majority of all the votes cast.—G. L. By. 3.

46. Should there be no choice upon any ballot, the name of the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on proceeding to a new ballot.—Jour. 1869: p. 371. If more than one Representative is to be chosen, in commencing to ballot for a second, all others previously nominated will be considered in nomination.—Jour. 1873: p. 621. In case of a tie between two or more of the lowest (three or more being in nomination), a ballot should be immediately taken to determine which of those tieing should be dropped: in no case should the Noble Grand give a casting vote.—Jour. 1871: p. 468.

47. A ballot shall be taken on every application for membership immediately after the presentation of the report of the Committee on character, when, if less than three black balls be found, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared; and any proposition fee prepaid by him shall be returned.—S. L. C. 5.

48. The ballot should be taken immediately after each report of a committee on character, where more than one, and not all read first.—Jour. 1890: p. 4718.

49. The ballot cannot be postponed after the committee's report has been presented — Jour. 1872 : p. 548.

50. During the ballot members should not be prohibited entering the room. — Jour. 1874 : p. 733.

51. While the ballot is progressing a member in arrears can pay his dues, and then becomes qualified to vote on the application. — Jour. 1881 : pp. 2061, 2118.

52. Every member previous to his receiving any of the degrees shall present a certificate from the P.S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said degree ; after which he shall be balloted for. Balloting shall be had when the Lodge is open in the Third Degree, and one ballot shall be taken for all the degrees for which he has applied. — S. L. C. 14.

53. If, on such ballot, three or more black balls appear, the applicant shall be rejected, otherwise he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the degree or degrees applied for. In case of rejection he shall not be again balloted for to receive the degrees unless

two weeks' notice is given immediately preceding the meeting at which such ballot is taken.—S. L. C. 15.

54. At elections of officers in Lodges, a majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer on any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.—S. L. C. 23.

BENEFITS.

55. Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part) or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly sick benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws, provided such weekly benefit shall not exceed one-half the amount of the annual receipts per member, from dues and permanent

investments. The Lodge shall not be held to pay such benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week ; but after one week's sickness the brother shall be entitled to benefits for each additional day or days that he may be ill.—S. L. C. 51.

56. Every Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the reduction of the weekly sick benefit payable to any member after such member has received benefits for twelve months of continuous sickness, and such By-Law shall apply to any member who may be receiving benefits at the time of its adoption.—S. L. C. 52.

57. In case of the death of a member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his widow, children, or other relatives who may at the time of his death have been depending on him for support, a Funeral Benefit, in such sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Lodge. In the event of the deceased member leaving no such dependent relative, the said Funeral Benefit, or as much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied by the Lodge to defraying his funeral expenses—if any are incurred.—S. L. C. 53.

58. Every Lodge may, by its By-laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of members in a state of pecuniary distress.—S. L. C. 54.

59. Every Lodge shall make such disposition of its Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the relief and benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Lodge, who were in good standing as required by the By-Laws at the time of their decease, as it shall see fit, except by annuity.—S. L. C. 55.

60. Every Lodge may, by By-Law, fix the time after admission at which a member shall become entitled to benefits, but a member admitted on an unexpired Withdrawal Card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon his admission to membership.—S. L. C. 56.

61. A member in arrears cannot be made good on the books and entitled to benefits by a vote of the Lodge.—Jour. 1880; p. 1978.

62. The fact of a Lodge having paid benefits to a member while not in good standing is no ground upon which to base a claim for a continuance of payment.—Jour. 1870: p. 411.

63. If the By-Laws of a Lodge provide that notice of sickness must be given within a limited time, and such notice is not given, the Brother, in such a case, will not be entitled to benefits during that illness.—Jour. 1873: p. 618.

64. A member can be disqualified from benefits after he is one week in arrears, if the By-Laws so provide.—Jour. 1878: pp. 19, 76.

65. A Brother receiving sick benefits, if legally elected and instructed in the degrees while receiving benefits, would be entitled to the increased sick pay pertaining to the degree to which he had attained.—Jour. 1873: p. 616.

66. A member who is taken sick on the first meeting night of the quarter, prior to opening of the Lodge, and has not an opportunity to send in his dues, is entitled to benefits, he not being thirteen weeks in arrears.—Jour. 1877: p. 1994.

67. The By-Laws of a Lodge provide that a member in arrears shall be disqualified from benefits for six weeks after such arrears are paid. If a member took sick during these six weeks of disqualification, it was held that he would be entitled to benefits for any portion of

time he might be sick after the six weeks had expired.—Jour. 1879: p. 1863.

68. A Lodge cannot by vote make a disqualified member good on the books, so as to entitle his widow to benefits.—Jour. 1880: p. 1978.

69. A member of the Lodge not entitled to *pecuniary* benefits is yet entitled to *attentive* benefits; that is, the sympathy, visitation and watch-care of the Lodge, in so far as these do not involve the expenditure of Lodge funds.—Jour. 1879: p. 1864.

BOOK-KEEPING.

70. The following forms for Lodge Book-keeping were approved by the Grand Lodge. (See Jour. 1890: pp. 4904, 4905, 4913.)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S CASH BOOK OF

Date.	ACCOUNT.
	No. on Roll or Folio.
	Totals.
	Quarterly Dues.
	Initiation Fees.
	Degree Fees.
	Admission by Card or Reinstatement Fees.
	Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.
	Nurse Funds.
	Contingent Funds.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S BOOK.—ORDERS DRAWN UPON
LOCATED AT.....[illegible]

TREASURER'S BOOK OF LODGE, No.

[illegible]

BUSINESS.

71. No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting of a Lodge, unless at least five members of the Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order annexed to the Constitution.—S. L. C. 36.

72. The Grand Lodge does not deem it advisable to enter into the settlement of differences in business between members of the Order, or between Subordinate Lodges and other parties; but in such cases the parties interested are advised to submit their disputes to the arbitration of qualified members of the Order.—Jour. 1880: p. 408.

BY-LAWS.

73. The Grand Lodge Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the close of the annual session, to whom shall be referred all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges sent in for approval. It shall be the duty of the Committee, at the earliest pos-

sible opportunity, to notify such Lodges, through the Grand Secretary, of their approval or disapproval of the By-Laws submitted, pointing out all regulations therein (if any) which may violate or conflict with the Laws and Usages of the Order. All By-Laws so approved will be operative upon the Lodge until next session of Grand Lodge, and no By-Laws shall be operative until so approved. The Committee shall make a full report to the Grand Lodge at its next session.—G. L. By. 41.

74. The Grand Lodge will not interfere with By-Laws adopted by a Subordinate, or refuse approval, unless they conflict with the Laws and Usages of the Order; and will not be responsible for any damage or inconvenience the Lodge may suffer on account of any ambiguity or imperfection therein.—Jour. 1881: p. 2109. (This position was sustained by the Sovereign Grand Lodge on appeal, in the case of Excelsior Lodge, No. 44.—See Jour. S. G. L.: pp. 8640, 8706.)

75. The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge may be amended, altered or repealed at any session of the Grand Lodge by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, on a notice given at a previous sitting.—G. L. By. 111.

76. Notice of motion to amend a By-Law having been regularly made, when the matter comes up for action no new amendment thereto can be acted on without similar notice.—Jour. 1876: p. 1678.

77. Every member of a Lodge shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of his Lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of the contract between the member and the Order, which contract is complete by the member's initiation or admission by card, such admission by card dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of the Lodge; and every member shall be subject to the said laws as aforesaid, although he may not have signed his name thereto.—S. L. C. 13.

78. Every Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-Laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient, and to repeal, alter or amend the same; provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the laws, principles or customs of the Order.—S. L. C. 69.

79 All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the seal of the Lodge and the signature of the N.G. and Secretary, one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be; and no such By-Laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.—S. L. C. 70.

CANDIDATE.

80. Candidates for membership, by initiation, in any Lodge, must be free, white males, of not less than twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.—S. L. C. 2.

81. Any candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.—S. L. C. 7.

82. No proposition for membership, either by initiation or by card, shall be received or

acted upon, if the applicant's residence be out of this jurisdiction (without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he resides), nor if his residence be nearer to any other Lodge by the nearest travelled route, unless consent of the latter be obtained ; and in the event of the violation of this clause, the Lodge shall pay over all fees received from such applicant to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resided, and shall also be liable to suspension by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.—S. L. C. 11.

83. An agnostic, or one who professes himself unable either to affirm or deny the existence of a Supreme Being, is not eligible to be admitted into the Order. Every candidate is required to avow his belief in the existence of a Supreme, Intelligent Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe. If one should obtain admission by falsely answering this question in the affirmative, he could be proceeded against for fraud, and expelled on a charge for conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow. If he has changed his opinions after his initiation, his plain duty would be to retire from a society with whose principles and teachings he does no longer agree.—Jour. 1883 : p. 2379.

84. All candidates for admission into the Order in this jurisdiction are required to pass a uniform medical examination. Every Lodge must appoint a Medical Examiner, whose duty it is to examine each candidate and report to the Recording Secretary on the form supplied by the Grand Lodge.—Jour. 1889: p. 4581.

CARDS.

85. Members of an extinct Lodge, upon payment of all arrears due by them at the time of the dissolution of the Lodge, may receive a card from the Grand Secretary which shall have all the force and effect of an expired Withdrawal Card; and the Grand Lodge, or during recess thereof the Grand Master, may direct the issue of cards to such members without the payment of arrears, or upon payment of such portion thereof as may be deemed sufficient, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown; provided always, that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the Lodge, or in any illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.—G. L. By. 67.

86. Any member of any uniting Lodges who shall fail to be present at the institution of the united Lodge may, on application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Withdrawal Card, as provided for members of extinct Lodges, and should he apply for admission by such card to the united Lodge within six months from the date of its institution, the vote necessary for his election to membership shall be a majority vote by ballot of those present and voting.—G. L. By. 78.

87. Any member in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from his Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good stand-

ing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 16.

88. Any member of a Lodge in good standing and free from all charges shall be entitled to a Visiting Card on payment of all dues for the period for which said card is required, and of a fee not exceeding fifty cents. During recess of the Lodge such card may be issued by the N.G. and Secretary.—S. L. C. 17.

89. The fee for a Withdrawal or Visiting Card shall not exceed fifty cents, and may be applied to the general fund or any special fund, as the Lodge may provide by its By-Laws.—S. L. C. 48.

CERTIFICATE.

90. The Grand Secretary shall keep a register of the Past Grands of this jurisdiction. Whenever any member of a Subordinate Lodge attains to the rank of Past Grand a certificate to that effect shall be immediately forwarded under the seal of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary, and each semi-annual return

of a Subordinate Lodge shall contain a full list of all Past Grands in good standing belonging to the Lodge.—G. L. By. 8.

91. Any member in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from his Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such a card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 16.

CHAIRMAN.

92. The first named member of a committee shall be the chairman thereof, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the committee. At all meetings of committees the Rules of Order shall be observed as far as practicable, except the rules respecting the writing and seconding of motions, limiting the number of times a member may speak, recording the yeas and nays, and calling the previous question. A majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum.—G. L. By. 51.

CHARGES.

93. Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member of the Grand Lodge shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges, and report the result of such examination to the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 5.

94. The Grand Lodge, after having heard the member thus charged, in his defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by the acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the Grand Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper. G. L. By. 6.

95. Whenever any member shall be so suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs.—G. L. By. 7.

96. No member of a Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall be first submitted to the Lodge in writing by one or more members of the Order in good standing.—S. L. C. 59.

97. Any charge or charges so preferred shall be referred to a committee of five members, to be chosen by ballot, three of whom shall be a quorum; which committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question, in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure

on Trials. In selecting this committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot.—S. L. C. 60.

98. Charges may be preferred against a brother holding an unexpired Withdrawal Card.—Jour. 1875: p. 1411.

CHARTER.

See FORFEITURE, MERGEMENT, RESTORATION, SURRENDER.

99. The Charter Fee to Grand Lodge for a Subordinate Lodge is \$30; for a Degree Lodge, or Rebekah Degree Lodge, \$5.—G. L. C. 16.

100. Upon the written application of properly qualified members of the Order, accompanied by certificates of qualification and the Charter fees, the Grand Lodge will grant Charters to Subordinate Lodges, Degree Lodges and Rebekah Degree Lodges, subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. During the recess of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master at his discretion may issue

dispensations for the institution of such Lodges.
—G. L. C. 18.

101. The applicants for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge must be at least five in number; and in a locality where a Lodge already exists, not less than ten; and must be in possession of the Third Degree, and holders of Withdrawal Cards or dismissal certificates. For a Charter for a Degree Lodge there must be not less than ten applicants of the Third Degree, two of whom must be Past Grands; and for a Rebekah Degree Lodge the applicants must be not less than five brothers of the Third Degree and five sisters possessing the R. D., or qualified by their relationship to members of the Order to receive the same — G. L. C. 19.

102. Where it is deemed advisable to institute a Lodge in any locality not less than ten miles from any other Lodge—the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master having been first obtained—it shall not be necessary for the applicants to be members of the Order; and the Grand Master, or his duly commissioned deputy, shall have power to initiate and confer the Degrees on a sufficient number of applicants to constitute such new

Lodge, provided that such persons shall have first made application to the nearest Lodge, and been accepted upon ballot, as in the case of other applicants for membership.—G. L. C. 20.

103. The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the laws of the Order held only in trust for charitable purposes; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law—the penalty for which is expulsion; and any member participating in such illegal diversion of Lodge property from its legitimate objects will be held personally responsible for the money or effects so diverted, and will be liable to prosecution by the Grand Lodge in the Civil Courts. If a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all monies and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.—G. L. C. 21.

104. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the returns and pay the dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall be-

come liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session. In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of such Lodge to transmit to the Grand Lodge the Charter, books, funds and other property of said Lodge.—G. L. C. 22.

105. A Subordinate Lodge may surrender its Charter and be merged into another Lodge; or two or more Lodges may be amalgamated under the terms and conditions prescribed in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 24.

106. At the institution of a Lodge, the instituting officer would be justified in removing from the dispensation the name of a proposed Chartered Member who was not present.—Jour. 1872: p. 549. But after the Lodge has been instituted the name of a member cannot be erased from the charter on account of his expulsion.—Jour. 1871: p. 471.

CLAIMS.

107. All claims against the Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same. No claim will be considered unless in the form of a definitely itemized account.—G. L. By. 56.

108. When such claims have been reported correct and approved by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall issue an order on the Grand Treasurer, attested by the Grand Secretary, for the payment of the same, which payment shall be duly entered in the books of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer.—G. L. By. 57.

109. In case of urgency, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, at his discretion, issue such order making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.—G. L. By. 58.

COMMITTEES.

110. The following Grand Lodge Standing Committees shall be appointed from among the Representatives or Past Grands by the Grand Master, at or before the opening of each annual session, to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge, viz. : on Credentials, on Distribution, on Finance, on Appeals and Grievances, on Laws of Subordinates, on Printing and Supplies, on Legislation, on State of the Order, on Judiciary, on Election Returns, on Mileage and Per Diem, on Petitions and Correspondence, on Districts, on Fraternal Relations, on Degree of Rebekah ; whose duty it shall be to consider and report on such matters as may be referred to them under the By-Laws or by resolution of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 13.

111. The first named member of a committee shall be the chairman thereof, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the committee. At all meetings of committees the Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge shall be observed as far as practicable, except the rules respecting the writing and seconding of motions,

limiting the number of times a member may speak, recording the yeas and nays, and calling the previous question. A majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum.—G. L. By. 51.

112. The reports of all committees must be made in writing and shall be laid on the table, to be printed by the Grand Secretary, and copies thereof placed before the members at the next sitting of the Grand Lodge, when action shall be taken thereon; provided that this By-Law may be suspended by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge whenever its operation would be impracticable or unnecessary.—G. L. By. 52.

113. In all cases where matters are referred to Special Committees to be reported on at a subsequent session of the Grand Lodge, such report or reports must be sent to the Grand Secretary in time to be printed, and a copy thereof sent to each Subordinate Lodge at least one month prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, and to each representative, as soon as his name is known to the Grand Secretary.—G. L. By. 53.

114. A committee appointed to perform certain specified duties for a Lodge, and failing

to do so in a reasonable time, may be discharged by vote of the Lodge and a new one appointed.—Jour. 1889 : p. 4506.

CONSTITUTION.

115. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario contains the fundamental groundwork of its organic law ; its title, powers, membership, officers, committees, sessions and revenues. It can only be amended by a two-thirds vote after a year's notice.—G. L. C. 27.

116. The Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges is enacted by the Grand Lodge, and is uniform for all Lodges under its jurisdiction. It contains the law by which each Lodge is to be governed in the transaction of its business. It may be amended by the Grand Lodge at any time by a two-thirds vote without notice.—S. L. C. 71.

117. The Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges, and the By-Laws and Rules of Order made thereunder, and the Constitution and By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, shall constitute the contract between the Order and

each member thereof ; and every member from the time of his initiation or admission by card, and so long as he continues in membership in the Order, shall be bound by every clause and article therein contained, and shall be subject thereto in every particular.—S. L. C. 12.

118. Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of his Lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of the aforesaid contract, which contract is complete by the member's initiation or admission by card, such admission by card dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of the Lodge ; and every member shall be subject to the said laws as aforesaid, although he may not have signed his name thereto.—S.L.C. 13.

CONTINGENT FUND.

119. The receipts and disbursements on account of any special fund shall be kept separate and distinct from the general fund, and any money appropriated to a Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be used only for the payment of benefits and relief to the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Lodge.

No portion of the regular dues, initiation or degree fees of the Lodge shall be applied to a contingent fund or special fund provided for amusement or entertainment purposes, or for any purpose other than the payment of benefits, relief and general maintenance.—S. L. C. 45.

• CONTRACT.

120. The Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges, and the By-Laws and Rules of Order made thereunder, and the Constitution and By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, shall constitute the contract between the Order and each member thereof; and every member from the time of his initiation or admission by card, and so long as he continues in membership in the Order, shall be bound by every clause and article therein contained, and shall be subject thereto in every particular.—S. L. C. 12.

121. Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of his Lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of the aforesaid contract, which contract is complete by the member's initiation or admission by card,

such admission by card dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of the Lodge ; and every member shall be subject to the said laws as aforesaid, although he may not have signed his name thereto.—S.L.C. 13.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(See FRATERNAL RELATIONS, PETITIONS.)

COURTS OF LAW.

122. The following decisions have been made in cases tried and determined in the Canadian Law Courts :—

“ Where an Association has a code of laws, as also rules for the government of members, which point out what course a member shall pursue if he finds himself aggrieved ; he must exhaust the remedies thus provided before applying to the Courts of Law for redress.”—*Field vs. Court Hope*, 26 *Chcy.*, 467.

“ Members of charitable and provident Societies should not be allowed to litigate their grievances within the Society in Courts of Law until they have exhausted every possible means of redress afforded by the internal regulations of their Societies.”—*Essery vs. Court Pride*, 2 *O. R.*, 596.

In the case of *Wright vs. Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron*, 11 S. C. R., 95, it was held that the Trustees of a Clergy Reserve Commutation Fund had power, from time to time, to pass By-Laws regulating the fund, and making a different appropriation of it; that the plaintiff, who had been in receipt of a specified sum under a former By-Law, came under the operation of the new By Law, and that he had no vested right which could entitle him to object, the fund being a portion of the income derived from year to year, the amount of which was liable to vary, as investments were more or less productive, and as one after another of the commuting clergy ceased to be recipients, and it being a fund which had no existence except in anticipation until realized by the periodical payment of interest.

The two following cases were decided in the United States courts :—

A Society altered its By-Laws so that a widow who should have received twenty-five cents per day during her widowhood was afterwards to receive that sum only until it aggregated \$200, although her husband died *before* the change in the By-Law was made. The Court sustained the By-Law on the ground that the Constitution contained a clause allowing changes in the By-Laws, and because the Society might, in times of great sickness and numerous deaths, become unable to pay at all, if it were not allowed to reduce its liabilities by the change which it made.—*Fugure vs. Mutual Society of St. Josephs*, 46 Vermont, 362.

A member of a Society is not in the position of a creditor, and can claim only such benefits as are pre-

scribed by the By-Laws existing *at the time* he applies for relief.—*St. Patrick's Benevolent Society vs. McVey*, 92 Pa., 510.

An English case is mentioned in the *Canada Law Journal* for June, 1889 (25 L. J., 338), as having been decided in the Chancery Court of Lancashire between the I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, and the members of Lodge No. 52. The members had divided part of the funds of the Lodge among themselves, and the Court held that such an appropriation was a breach of trust, and that the defendants were personally liable to make good the sum so divided. An injunction was granted, and the defendants were ordered to repay the amount divided and the costs of the suit.

CREDENTIALS.

123. Immediately upon the opening of the Grand Lodge in the prescribed form, the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, who shall consider and report upon the credentials of new Representatives and Past Grands with as little delay as possible; and no other business shall be transacted by the Grand Lodge until the report of said Committee has been acted upon.—G. L. By. 12.

124. The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, who shall report

to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of brothers claiming admission as Representatives or Past Grands, and on the validity of their credentials.—G. L. By. 37.

125. The Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are required to forward the Credentials of Representatives elect to the R. W. Grand Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.—Jour. 1871: p. 475.

DECISIONS.

See COURTS OF LAW.

126. In the event of any dispute arising under the laws of Odd-Fellowship, or of any doubts as to the intent and meaning of any part of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules or Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of its Subordinate Lodges, or of any of the laws or usages of the Order, the Grand Lodge shall have power to interpret and decide thereon; and its decision in the case shall be of full force and effect, and binding upon all members of the Order in Ontario, unless the same should

be at any time reversed on appeal, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, whose judgment therein shall be final.—G. L. C. 3.

127. The Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred the decisions of the Grand Master made during the recess, and all questions relating to the interpretation or construction of the laws and usages of the Order.—G. L. By. 44.

128. The Grand Master's decisions during the recess should be in writing, and in answer only to written questions.—Jour. 1870: pp. 417, 418.

129. Lodges desiring answers to any questions must, in all cases, submit such questions first to the District Deputy Grand Master before sending the same to the Grand Master.—Jour. 1890: 4916.

DEFUNCT LODGE.

130. Members of an extinct Lodge, upon payment of all arrears due by them at the time of the dissolution of the Lodge, may receive a card from the Grand Secretary which shall

have all the force and effect of an expired Withdrawal Card; and the Grand Lodge, or during recess thereof the Grand Master, may direct the issue of cards to such members without the payment of arrears, or upon payment of such portion thereof as may be deemed sufficient, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown; provided, always, that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the Lodge, or in any illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.—G. L. By. 67.

131. Upon the application to the Grand Lodge of five or more members of an extinct Lodge which has not been merged into or amalgamated with any other Lodge, for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, such applicants as the Grand Lodge may approve, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as provided in By-Law 66.—G. L. By. 68.

132. Any money in possession of a member of a resuscitated Lodge, accepted by him when the Lodge became defunct, would have to be

paid to the Grand Lodge, and not to the resuscitated Subordinate.—Jour. 1876: p. 1676.

133. The funds belonging to defunct Lodges are to be invested by the Grand Treasurer (subject to the approval of the Executive), in mortgage on real estate, or deposited in some chartered bank in the Province, in savings bank branch, or on deposit receipt, the interests received to be credited to the several accounts.—Jour. 1888: 4410.

DEGREE LODGES.

134. Whenever it may appear to the members of any Lodge or Lodges in any city or town under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario that it would be consistent with the interests of the Order to establish a Degree Lodge in such place, it shall be proper for them to authorize at least ten Brothers of the Third Degree to make a written application to the Grand Lodge to that effect.

135. Such application shall be signed by the full number of the Brethren so authorized, and shall be accompanied by the Charter Fee, \$5; by a certificate from the District Deputy

Grand Master that the petitioners are properly qualified, and by a certificate over the seal of the Lodge or Lodges with which they are connected that they are members in good standing, and that they have been duly authorized by their Lodge or Lodges to apply for such Charter.

136. As soon as the necessary authority shall have been obtained from the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master shall summon all Third Degree members in good standing in their Lodge or Lodges, and proceed with the institution of the Lodge and the election and installation of officers after the manner and form prescribed for the same.

137. A Degree Lodge shall be composed of members in good standing in the Order, of the Third Degree, resident within the jurisdiction of the Degree Lodge, and all business (except that of conferring the First and Second Degrees of this Order) shall be transacted when open in the Third Degree, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

138. Loss of good standing, suspension or expulsion from membership in a Subordinate Lodge shall at once similarly affect the mem-

ber's standing in the Degree Lodge, and reinstatement in the Subordinate shall work reinstatement in the Degree Lodge.

139. The Elective Officers of a Degree Lodge shall be a Degree Master, Deputy Degree Master, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by a majority of the votes polled for that purpose.

140. Nominations for Elective Officers shall be made upon the last two meetings in December, and the election shall be held upon the last regular meeting in December, and the Installation of Officers shall take place on the first regular meeting of the succeeding January.

141. The appointed officers shall be a Warden, Conductor and Outside and Inside Guardians, First, Second, Third and Fourth Assistant Degree Masters, to be appointed by the Degree Master upon the night of his installation.

142. No brother shall be eligible for the office of Degree Master, or Deputy Degree Master, who is not a Past Grand in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge of the Order in Ontario.

143. The Degree Master shall occupy the place of the Noble Grand in a Subordinate Lodge, the Deputy Degree Master that of the Vice Grand ; the First and Second Assistants thereof Right and Left Supporters of the Noble Grand ; the Third and Fourth Assistants, those of Right and Left Supporters of the Vice Grand ; and these and all other officers of the Degree Lodge, in addition to the special duties imposed upon them by the Ritual, shall perform the duties and exercise the power of the officers holding corresponding positions in a Subordinate Lodge.

144. The application of a brother for any Degree, with the fee for the same, must be received by his Subordinate Lodge, in which Lodge he shall be balloted for ; all balloting shall take place when the Lodge is open in the Third Degree, and a single ballot may be taken for all the Degrees for which the brother has applied. If three or more black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected ; otherwise he shall be deemed eligible, and a certificate to that effect shall be granted him, which certificate, on being presented to the Degree Lodge, shall be its authority for conferring the Degree or Degrees applied for.

145. A Degree Lodge may, with the consent of two-thirds of the members of the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges connected with it, present and voting at a regular meeting of such Subordinate Lodge or Lodges, charge its members an entrance fee and stated dues. Should no fees or dues be charged, the expenses of the Degree Lodge shall be borne by the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges to which the Degree members belong.

146. A Subordinate Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the payment to the Degree Lodge of a part or the whole of the regular charge for the Degrees.

147. Any Degree Lodge shall have power to adopt necessary By-Laws, rules and regulations for its government, conformable to this Constitution and to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the Laws and Usages of the Order.

148. Degree Lodges shall be subject to all the laws applying to Subordinate Lodges in the matters of sessions, terms, returns, trials and penalties, and forfeiture of Charter in so far as the same may be applicable, except that their terms shall be annual, and that they shall

not be required to pay per capita tax to the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 79 to 93.

149. A member of a Degree Lodge cannot wear Encampment regalia therein.—Jour. 1879: p. 1862.

DEGREES.

(See DEGREE LODGES, GRAND LODGE DEGREE, REBEKAH.)

150. Every member previous to his receiving any of the Degrees shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degree; after which he shall be balloted for. Balloting shall be had when the Lodge is open in the Third Degree, and one ballot shall be taken for all the Degrees for which he has applied.—S. L. C. 14.

151. If, on such ballot, three or more black balls appear, the applicant shall be rejected, otherwise he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees applied for. In case of rejection he shall not be again balloted for to receive the

Degrees unless two weeks' notice is given immediately preceding the meeting at which such ballot is taken.—S. L. C. 15.

152. The fees for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than \$2 for each Degree.—S. L. C. 46.

153. A Subordinate Lodge may confer Degrees upon a member of any other Lodge, without fee, upon presentation of a request from said Lodge so to do, accompanied by a certificate that the person applying is qualified to receive the Degree applied for.—G. L. By. 61.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

154. The Deputy Grand Master shall act as the assistant of the Grand Master, and, during the absence of that officer, shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex-officio*, become Grand Master until the next regular session thereafter.—G. L. By. 24.

155. The Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, shall not hold office in a Subordinate Lodge while holding either of those offices.—G. L. By. 35.

DISPENSATIONS.

156. The Grand Lodge, or in its recess the Grand Master thereof, shall have power to issue dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under this jurisdiction, to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order to do so.—G. L. C. 23.

157. The Grand Master may grant dispensations to open new Lodges, and for the mergerment or amalgamation of existing Lodges and petitions of a Subordinate Lodge to reinstate an expelled member.—G. L. By. 23.

158. It is not legal to issue a dispensation in blank.—Jour. 1875: p. 1398.

159. A dispensation cannot be granted by a D. D. G. M., except on the night of the institution of a new Lodge, to receive application, refer to committee, ballot and initiate on the same night.—Jour. 1877: pp. 1870, 1957.

160. The Grand Master cannot grant a continuous dispensation to enable the mem-

bers of a Lodge to appear in regalia on several occasions. Each dispensation must state the date and occasion for which it is granted.—
Jour. 1889: p. 4507.

DISTRIBUTION.

161. The Grand Lodge Committee on Distribution shall consist of five members, to whom shall be referred the reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Representatives, in order to distribute the various matters embraced in them to appropriate committees.—G. L. By. 38.

DISTRICTS.

162. The Grand Lodge shall group the Lodges in the Province of Ontario into Districts, making such arrangements thereof from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require, and as shall seem most fit and expedient.—G. L. C. 25.

163. The Grand Lodge Committee on Districts shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to divide the jurisdiction into Districts.—G. L. By. 48.

164. In every District in the jurisdiction there shall be a District Committee, which shall consist of the Past Grands duly elected thereto by the several Lodges in the District at their last meeting in each year.—G. L. By. 98.

165. Each Lodge in the District shall be entitled to one Representative on the Committee, when the number of unsuspended members on the night of election shall be less than fifty; two Representatives when the number shall be fifty, and one Representative for each additional fifty.—G. L. By. 99.

166. The District Committee shall hold its ordinary sessions monthly, quarterly, or at special dates, as it may determine. But an annual session shall be held on the second Wednesday of June in each year, or any subsequent day in said month, at such time and place in the District as may be previously selected at an ordinary meeting of the Committee, or, in default thereof, by the District Deputy Grand Master for the District.—G. L. By. 100.

167. Each District Committee shall have power to make rules for its own government, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge;

to make such recommendations to the Subordinate Lodges in the district, and to the Grand Lodge, as it may think for the advantage of the Order; to nominate at its annual session a suitable person for the office of District Deputy Grand Master, such nominee to be chosen by ballot; to provide for the necessary expenses of its own meetings; to fix a fee or fees payable by the Subordinate Lodges in the district for the visits of the District Deputy Grand Master; and to perform such other duties, and exercise such other powers as are consistent with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the laws of the Order.—G. L. By. 101.

168. The District Committee shall be presided over by the District Deputy Grand Master, who shall, as such presiding officer, have similar powers and privileges to those belonging to the Grand Master when presiding over the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 102.

169. Each District Committee shall, at its annual meeting, or whenever vacancies occur, elect a Secretary, who shall, in addition to the usual duties of such an officer, send to the Grand Master, through the District Deputy Grand Master, before the annual session of

the Grand Lodge, a report of the proceedings of the Committee, including the nomination for the District Deputy Grand Master, and certify to the Grand Lodge, or any Committee thereof, such proceedings of the District Committee, and such papers in his possession as may be required. He shall also act as Treasurer in the receipt and disbursement of such moneys as may be required to meet the expenses of the Committee and of the District Deputy Grand Master.—G. L. By. 103.

170. The Grand Master shall, from the reports supplied him by the District Committees, make a list of the several nominees for the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and communicate the same to his successor immediately after the latter has been elected.—G. L. By. 104.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

171. The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, appoint, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a District Deputy Grand Master for each District under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and within

which one or more Subordinate Lodges may be in operation.—G. L. C. 9.

172. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall act as the agent of the Grand Master, with the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges situated within the District over which he may be appointed; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly; and to install the officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by a competent officer; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all dispensations granted to any Lodge in this District; he shall report to the Grand Master, at least two weeks previous to each regular Session, such dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty; and he shall remit forthwith to the Grand Secretary all dues, charges, and other funds, which may have been received by him on account of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 34.

173. The District Committee shall be presided over by the District Deputy Grand Master, who shall, as such presiding officer, have similar powers and privileges to those belonging

to the Grand Master when presiding over the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 102.

174. Each District Committee shall, at its annual meeting, or whenever vacancies occur, elect a Secretary, who shall, in addition to the usual duties of such an officer, send to the Grand Master, through the District Deputy Grand Master, before the annual session of the Grand Lodge, a report of the proceedings of the Committee, including the nomination for the District Deputy Grand Master, and certify to the Grand Lodge, or any Committee thereof, such proceedings of the District Committee, and such papers in his possession as may be required. He shall also act as Treasurer in the receipt and disbursement of such moneys as may be required to meet the expenses of the Committee and of the District Deputy Grand Master.—G. L. By. 103.

175. The Grand Master shall, from the reports supplied him by the District Committees, make a list of the several nominees for the office of District Deputy Grand Master, and communicate the same to his successor immediately after the latter has been elected.—G. L. By. 104.

176. It is the duty of every District Deputy Grand Master to visit each Lodge in his District at least once annually.—Jour. 1876: p. 1681. In visiting officially he should announce himself as District Deputy Grand Master; if he does not so announce himself, he cannot give a decision without being appealed to in his official capacity.—Jour. 1869: pp. 338, 369.

177. All questions relative to the working of a Lodge should be sent to the District Deputy Grand Master, and in the event of his being unable to answer the same he shall submit them to the Grand Master—Jour. 1874, p. 741; he should not give a decision before the Noble Grand has had an opportunity to pronounce thereon—Jour. 1872: p. 528; but, having given his decision, the Noble Grand cannot appeal to the Lodge to sustain him, the Noble Grand, in opposition to the District Deputy Grand Master—Jour. 1872: p. 527; the District Deputy Grand Master's decision is binding on the Lodge until reversed by higher authority—Jour. 1860: p. 84; all appeals to him should be sent through the Lodge, and the answer sent to the Lodge, and not to the brother making the appeal.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1785, 1864

178. A District Deputy Grand Master should not communicate the Pass-Word to any person except the Noble Grand or acting Noble Grand.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1785, 1864. In doing so, he does not give the Noble Grand the cypher, but interprets it himself and then communicates the Pass-Word to the Noble Grand.—Jour. 1881: p. 2113.

179. A District Deputy Grand Master would not be justified in refusing to instal a duly qualified and elected brother—Jour. 1869: pp. 337, 366; nor could he declare an installation void because it was performed by a visiting Past Grand—Jour. 1869: pp. 338, 367; because in his absence a Lodge may instal its officers without waiting for his permission—Jour. 1876: p. 1679; (*but this cannot be done if he has previously refused to instal.*—See Jour. S. G. L.: p. 6351). A Lodge, however, should always notify the District Deputy Grand Master if it purposes having a special meeting for installation.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1786, 1864.

180. Should a District Deputy Grand Master persist in installing an officer, protested against on account of his being in arrears for dues, the proper method to deal with him would

be to prefer charges against him, and place him on trial.—Jour. 1872 : p. 529.

181. A District Deputy is empowered to issue a dispensation for the purpose of electing a member of the Degree of Truth to the office of Noble Grand, all regularly qualified brothers being absent.—Jour. 1872 ; p. 527.

182. A Grand Officer having announced himself in his official capacity, and having been received with "The Honors," it would not be consistent for him upon that occasion to claim that he was not visiting in his official capacity.—Jour. 1871 : p. 468.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

183. No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in any Lodge, nor hold membership in two or more Subordinate Lodges in this Order at the same time.—S. L. C., 10.

DUES.

184. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge such sum per capita as may be fixed by the By-Laws of

the Grand Lodge, which shall be payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual return. Its revenue shall be further drawn from charter fees of lodges instituted, which shall be for a Subordinate Lodge, \$30; for a Degree Lodge, \$5; and for a Rebekah Degree Lodge, \$5; and from the sale of supplies to Lodges.—G. L. C. 16.

185. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the returns and pay the dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session. In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of such Lodge to transmit to the Grand Lodge the Charter, books, funds and other property of said Lodge.—G. L. C. 22.

186. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge the sum of fifty cents per annum, payable semi-annually, for each unsuspended member on its books as

shown by its semi-annual returns.—G. L. By. 54.

187. The contribution of each member to the general fund of his Lodge shall be determined by By-Law, provided it be not less than ten cents per week; and the Lodge may require the same to be paid quarterly in advance.—S. L. C. 47.

188. No member who has been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges and those possessing dismissal certificates, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped; and in no case shall he be readmitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation, and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident, he shall not be required to resign the Constitution — S. L. C. 67.

189. Any member of a Lodge who is in arrears for dues for one year, shall be reported to the Lodge by the Permanent Secretary, and on such report shall be dropped from membership, unless the Lodge, by resolution, extend

the time of payment, which extension shall in no case exceed six months ; provided that a member under suspension for any cause for a definite period shall not be dropped from membership until the expiration of his term of suspension.—S. L. C. 68.

190. Dues can be paid to the Permanent Secretary at any time, unless the By-Laws forbid.—Jour. 1880: pp. 1925, 1979.

191. Even if the By-Laws of a Lodge require the Permanent Secretary to notify all members in arrears for dues, the negligence of that officer will not excuse any brother from payment of his dues at the time required by the By-Laws.—Jour. 1887: p. 4075.

192. A Lodge cannot donate a member a sufficient sum to pay his dues without observing all the formalities required by the By Law providing for relief of brothers in distress.—Jour. 1877: p. 1946.

ELECTION.

OF OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

193. The elective officers of the Grand Lodge shall be Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Past Grands in good standing voting in their several Subordinate Lodges as provided by By-Law.—G. L. C. 6.

194. The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent the Grand Lodge in the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be elected in accordance with the constitution and laws of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in the form and manner herein prescribed for the nomination and election of Grand Officers.—G. L. C. 7.

195. The nominations for the election of officers of the Grand Lodge, and for Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall take place on the last day of the annual session.—G. L. By. 15.

196. The Grand Secretary shall transmit to each Past Grand nominated a notice of his

nomination, on or before the first day of May following, requesting his acceptance or declination of said nomination on or before the fifteenth day of May. The Grand Secretary shall, not later than the first day of June, transmit to the several Lodges in the jurisdiction the names of all the nominees who have accepted the nominations, stating the several offices for which they were nominated.—G. L. By. 16.

197. At the last regular meeting of the Subordinate Lodges held in June, all Past Grands in good standing and present shall, in open Lodge, proceed to vote by ballot for Grand Officers. The Noble Grand and Secretary shall immediately thereafter count the vote and announce the result to the Lodge, and the Secretary shall record the same in the minutes. They shall also make a record on a printed form, provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, of the number of votes cast for each candidate, sign the same and affix the seal of the Lodge, and immediately transmit the same by mail in a sealed envelope, registered, to the Grand Secretary, marked "Election Returns for Grand Lodge Officers, from ——— Lodge, No. ———." A duplicate return

shall also be placed in the hands of the Lodge Representative.—G. L. By. 17.

198. The Grand Lodge Committee on Election Returns shall meet on the evening of the first day of the session of the Grand Lodge, and unseal the envelopes and count the ballot in the presence of any of the elective Grand Officers, the candidates or their agents, who may choose to attend. The first order of business after opening the Grand Lodge on the second day of the session shall be the reception of the report of the Committee of Election Returns ; and if the Committee report any informalities or irregularities in the returns of any of the Lodges, the same may be corrected by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge. No vote shall be counted as part of the poll unless it be for a candidate regularly nominated.—G. L. By. 18.

199. In the election for such office, the candidate having a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected by the Grand Master. In case no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Representatives present in Grand Lodge shall immediately proceed to ballot upon the candidates in nomination ; and after

each ballot the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn.—G. L. By. 19.

200. Should all the candidates for any office decline the nomination, or be disqualified by removal from the jurisdiction, loss of membership, or other cause, the nomination and election for such office shall take place at the annual session of the Grand Lodge following; and the voting thereon shall be confined to the Representatives present in Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 20.

201. Should any officer elected fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, and the Representatives present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election: provided, that if satisfactory cause for such absence be shown, the installation of such absent officer may take place at such time and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.—G. L. By. 21.

202. At an election for Grand Officers in any Subordinate Lodge, a Past Grand not a member of such Lodge shall be permitted to vote, on presenting a certificate from the Secre-

tary of his own Lodge that he is in good standing and entitled to vote at that election ; which certificate shall be attached to the election return of the Lodge in which said Past Grand votes, and be transmitted therewith to the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 22.

OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRAND LODGE.

203. Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its last meeting in the month of June, annually elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say : one Representative where the number of members to be returned in the semi-annual report of the current term shall be 100 or less ; over 100 and under 200, two Representatives ; 200, or more, three Representatives. Any Lodge not having in membership a properly qualified Past Grand may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge in the jurisdiction as its Representative.—G. L. C. 5.

204. In balloting for Representatives to the Grand Lodge only one name should be written upon the ballot ; and no one shall be declared elected unless he has received a majority of all the votes cast.—G. L. By. 3.

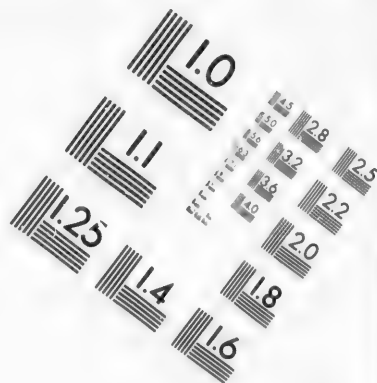
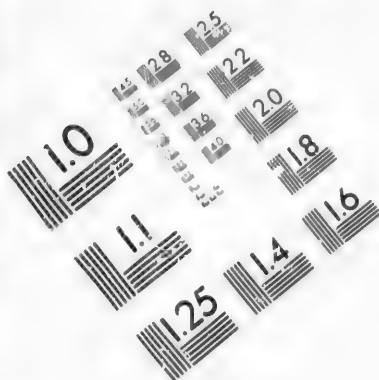
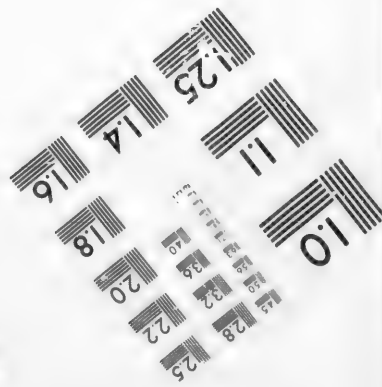
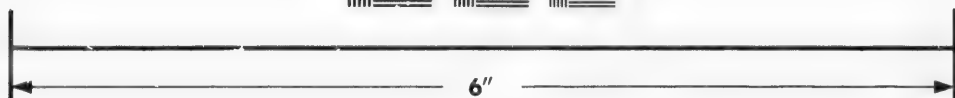
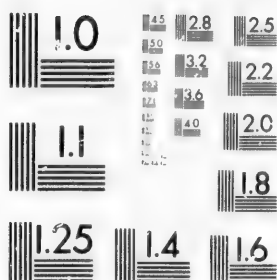


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205. The resignation by any member of his office as Representative must be addressed in writing to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.—G. L. By. 4.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGE OFFICERS.

206. The Elective Officers of a Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary and Treasurer.—S. L. C. 19.

207. No brother shall be eligible for the office of Noble Grand until he has served a term as Vice Grand, nor of Vice Grand until he has served a term in some inferior office, except that of Chaplain, has attained the Third Degree and is in good standing. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.—S. L. C. 20.

208. Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections thereto, and no nominee shall be balloted for who has

not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.—S. L. C. 21.

209. The election of Officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term. If for any elective office, or for the office of Representative to the Grand Lodge, only one member shall be in nomination, such member shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot; and only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.—S. L. C. 22.

210. A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of any officer on any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.—S. L. C. 23.

211. Blank votes are to be counted in making up the total of the ballot.—Dig. 1009.

212. Every Lodge may at any time elect a Physician, Solicitor, or other officer, required

for the operation of the legitimate work of the Lodge, but the person so elected, shall not, as such officer, be subject to any of the laws of the Order relating to membership, qualification, or honors, and may be elected under a by-law, resolution, or in any manner and at any time that the Lodge may decide.—S. L. C. 28.

EXPULSION.

213. Should the Trial Committee report in favor of suspending or expelling the member under trial a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by two or more of their members, in their name.—S. L. C. 62.

214. Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the member under charge shall be summoned to attend: and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question, and may either alter, amend, adopt or reject the motion made on behalf of the Trial Committee.—S. L. C. 63.

EXTINCT LODGE.

See DEFUNCT LODGE.

FAILURE.

See CANDIDATE, FINES, INSTALLATION, RETURNS.
SURRENDER.

FEEES.

215. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge such sum per capita as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which shall be payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual return. Its revenue shall be further drawn from charter fees of Lodges instituted, which shall be for a Subordinate Lodge, \$30 ; for a Degree Lodge, \$5 ; and for a Rebekah Degree Lodge, \$5 ; and from the sale of supplies to Lodges.—
G. L. C 16.

216. The Initiation Fee of every Lodge must be paid, in every case, previous to the

admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than five dollar; ; and the fees for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than two dollars for each of the three Degrees.—S. L. C. 46.

217. The contribution of each member to the general fund of his Lodge shall be determined by By-Law, provided it be not less than ten cents per week; ; and the Lodge may require the same to be paid quarterly in advance.—S. L. C. 47.

218. The fee for a Withdrawal or Visiting Card shall not exceed fifty cents, and may be applied to the general fund or any special fund, as the Lodge may provide by its By-Laws.—S. L. C. 48.

219. The proposition fee prepaid by any candidate must be returned to him if he is rejected.—S. L. C. 5.

FINANCE.

220. The Grand Lodge Committee on Finance shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to examine, at each regular session, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the accounts of the Grand

Lodge, and all other claims and matters laid before them, and report thereon ; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem to be expedient and necessary.—G. L. By. 39.

221. All claims against the Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same. No claim will be considered unless in the form of a definitely itemized account.—G. L. By. 56.

FINES.

222. On or immediately after the first meeting in January and July of each year, each Subordinate Lodge shall make a return to the Grand Lodge of its work and condition for the six months immediately preceding. Should any Lodge fail to forward its returns promptly to the Grand Lodge, as required by its Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall, immediately upon receipt of such return, enter to the debit of such Lodge a fine of two dollars per month for the time which may have elapsed since such

return was due. After the 25th day of July in each year, an additional fine of fifty cents per day shall be imposed on any Lodge failing to send its returns to the Grand Secretary until said returns are received by him; and in no case shall this fine be remitted.—G. L. By. 64.

223. A fine of two dollars shall be payable by every Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any semi-annual term and until the returns required by the preceding clauses are placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and a further fine of fifty cents per day, for every day that shall elapse after the 25th day of July, until the returns for the term preceding are sent to the Grand Secretary.—S. L. C. 42.

224. Fines are to be charged and collected the same as dues; arrears for fines legally imposed would be the same as arrears for dues, and would have the same effect in disqualifying a member in the matter of benefits.—Jour. 1877: p. 1992. (So would assessments legally imposed.)

FORFEITURE.

225. The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the laws of the Order, held only in trust for charitable purposes; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law—the penalty for which is expulsion; and any member participating in such illegal diversion of Lodge property from its legitimate objects will be held personally responsible for the money or effects so diverted, and will be liable to prosecution by the Grand Lodge in the Civil Courts. If a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.—G. L. C. 21.

226. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the returns and pay the dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any

regular session. In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct ; and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of such Lodge to transmit to the Grand Lodge the Charter, books, funds and other property of said Lodge.—G. L. C. 22.

227. Should any Lodge, or the officers thereof, fail to make the returns required by the Constitution for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect (or to such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same), the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.—S. L. C. 43.

FORMS.

See TRIALS.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

228. The Grand Lodge Committee on Fraternal Relations shall consist of one member, who shall be appointed by the Grand

Master at the close of each annual session, whose duty it shall be to review the proceedings of the several jurisdictions and report to the Grand Lodge on all matters appearing therein concerning the state of the Order, legislation proposed, and questions of interest affecting Oddfellowship.—G. L. By. 49.

FUNDS.

229. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge such sum per capita as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which shall be payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual return. Its revenue shall be further drawn from charter fees of Lodges instituted, which shall be for a Subordinate Lodge, \$30; for a Degree Lodge, \$5; and for a Rebekah Degree Lodge, \$5; and from the sale of supplies to Lodges.—G. L. C. 16.

230. In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of the Grand Lodge, the amount required may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of unsuspended mem-

bers in each Lodge, as reported in its last semi-annual return. But the Grand Lodge shall not create any debt or incur any liability requiring a larger amount than can be paid out of its funds on hand without the sanction previously obtained of at least two-thirds of the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.— G. L. C. 17.

231. The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the laws of the Order held only in trust for charitable purposes; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law—the penalty for which is expulsion; and any member participating in such illegal diversion of Lodge property from its legitimate objects will be held personally responsible for the money or effects so diverted, and will be liable to prosecution by the Grand Lodge in the Civil Courts. If a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.— G. L. C. 21.

232. The funds of the Grand Lodge shall be invested in Canadian securities, in the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary ; but such moneys as are retained in the custody of the Grand Treasurer for the immediate purposes of the Grand Lodge shall be deposited by that officer in some banking institution at his own discretion, and immediately on his receipt thereof, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 59.

233. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender of its Charter it shall be the duty of its last installed officers and members having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the Lodge, to assign, transfer and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master, or to the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same ; and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Any officer or member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be forever excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing ; and

shall be liable to prosecution in the Civil Courts.—G. L. By. 65.

234. All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge under the preceding clause shall be held in trust: first, for the benefit of any brother and widow or orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-Laws of such Lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same; and the balance, if any, to be returned to such Subordinate Lodge should it be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that should said Lodge not be restored to fellowship within five years, the funds and properties of said Lodge may be disposed of or used under the direction of the Grand Lodge in aiding or assisting any working Lodge, or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or for such other charitable purposes as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.—G. L. By. 66.

235. In every Subordinate Lodge there shall be one general fund for the payment of all benefits, charity and expenses of maintenance; but a Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a special fund or

funds, for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order.—S. L. C. 44.

236. The receipts and disbursements on account of any special fund shall be kept separate and distinct from the general fund, and any money appropriated to a Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be used only for the payment of benefits and relief to the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Lodge. No portion of the regular dues, initiation or degree fees of the Lodge shall be applied to a contingent fund or special fund provided for amusement or entertainment purposes, or for any other purpose than the payment of benefits, relief and general maintenance.—S. L. C. 45.

237. Interest derived from the investment of any particular fund (as the Widows' and Orphans' Fund), should be placed to the credit of that fund.—Jour. 1880: p. 1967.

238. The fee for a Withdrawal or Visiting Card shall not exceed fifty cents, and may be applied to the general fund or any special fund, as the Lodge may provide by its By-Laws.—S. L. C. 48.

239. Such moneys in the possession of the Lodge as may not be required for immediate

use may be invested in stock, debentures, or securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Ontario, or in securities which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple; but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.— S. L. C. 49.

240. Whenever the available cash assets of a Lodge shall be reduced below an amount equal to ten dollars for each unsuspended member, the Lodge may, either by by-law or by resolution adopted after two weeks' notice, assess its members equally in a sum sufficient to increase the funds to the amount required to make up the deficiency.—S. L. C. 50.

FUNERAL.

241. Lodges have the privilege of making any amicable arrangements they choose with kindred societies in conducting the funeral of a deceased brother, being careful, while avoiding all arrogant assumptions and uncharitable exclusiveness, to maintain those rights which the dignity of our Institution demands, and to perform those duties which our laws impose.—
Jour. 1878: p. 24.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

242. In case of the death of a member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his widow, children or other relatives who may at the time of his death have been depending on him for support, a Funeral Benefit, in such sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of his Lodge. In the event of the deceased member leaving no such dependent relative, the said Funeral Benefit, or as much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied by the Lodge to defraying his funeral expenses—if any are incurred.—S. L. C. 53.

GRAND LODGE.

243. The Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of "The Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."—G. L. C., 1.

POWERS.

244. The Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship within that section of

the Dominion of Canada called and known as the Province of Ontario, being the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges in the said Province, and having within its jurisdiction the sole right and power of granting, suspending or annulling charters for proper cause ; of enacting a form of Constitution and Rules of Order for the government of its Subordinate Lodges ; of receiving, hearing and determining appeals from the decisions of said Subordinate Lodges, and the officers thereof, and of redressing all grievances arising therein ; of framing By-Laws and Rules for its own government ; of regulating the means of its own support ; and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, or shall appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land or the regulations of the Order.—G. L. C. 2.

245. In the event of any dispute arising under the laws of Odd-Fellowship, or of any doubts as to the intent and meaning of any part of the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules or Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of its Subordinate Lodges, or of any of the laws or usages

of the Order, the Grand Lodge shall have power to interpret and decide thereon; and its decision in the case shall be of full force and effect, and binding upon all members of the Order in Ontario, unless the same should at any time be reversed, on appeal, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, whose judgment therein shall be final.—G. L. C. 3.

MEMBERSHIP.

246. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Grands within its jurisdiction, who shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to their rank, as prescribed by the usages and laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows; and of its Past Grand Masters and Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who shall have the right of debating and making motions. But its legislative functions shall be vested in and exercised solely by such Representatives as shall be elected and appointed in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and the By-Laws adopted by the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 4.

247. Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its last meeting in the month of June,

annually elect by ballot from among its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or Representatives as follows, that is to say : One Representative where the number of members to be returned in the semi-annual report of the current term shall be 100 or less ; over 100 and under 200, two Representatives ; 200 or more, three Representatives. Any Lodge not having in membership a properly qualified Past Grand may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge in the jurisdiction as its Representative.
—G. L. C. 5.

248. A Representative cannot represent more than one Subordinate Lodge in the Grand Lodge at the same session.—Jour. 1870 ; p. 410.

249. The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in August in each year, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at such place as may be appointed at the preceding session thereof ; but the Grand Master shall have the power to convene special sessions of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of extraordinary business, which must be stated in the call, provided that two weeks' notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge and Representative of the time and object of such session ; and at such session no business shall be trans-

acted other than that stated in the call.—G. L. C. 14.

250. To constitute a regular or special session of the Grand Lodge, there must be in attendance a majority of the Representatives of the Lodges within the jurisdiction; and all work shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree. Thirty Representatives shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.—G. L. C. 15.

251. Any Past Grand, on presenting a certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

252. No Past Grand shall be admitted as a Representative in the Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

253. In balloting for Representatives to the Grand Lodge only one name should be written upon the ballot; and no one shall be

declared elected unless he has received a majority of all the votes cast.

254. The resignation by any member of his office as Representative must be addressed in writing to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient ; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.

255. Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges and report the result of such examination to the Grand Lodge.

256. The Grand Lodge, after having heard the member thus charged, in his defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by the acquittal, reprimand, suspension from his seat in the
nd Lodge, or expulsion therefrom of the

implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper.

257. Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs.

258. The Grand Secretary shall keep a register of the Past Grands of this jurisdiction. Whenever any member of a Subordinate Lodge attains to the rank of Past Grand a certificate to that effect shall be immediately forwarded under the seal of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary, and each semi-annual return of a Subordinate Lodge shall contain a full list of all Past Grands in good standing belonging to the Lodge.

SESSIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

259. The Grand Lodge shall be opened at the time specified in the Constitution for its meeting, and if a quorum be present shall proceed to business. If there be no quorum present within one half-hour, the Grand Master or the presiding officer may adjourn the meet-

ing from time to time until a quorum shall appear.

260. In the absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master shall preside ; in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master the Grand Warden shall preside ; in the absence of the above named officers the Junior Past Grand Master shall take the chair ; and if no Past Grand Master be present, a Representative shall be chosen by open vote to preside during the meeting, or until the arrival of the proper officer.

261. Should there be present less than a quorum of qualified members, the Grand Master shall direct the Grand Lodge Degree to be conferred on such Representatives as are in attendance and not in possession of said Degree, but presenting certificates showing they are entitled to it.

262. Immediately upon the opening of the Grand Lodge in the prescribed form, the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, who shall consider and report upon the credentials of new Representatives and Past Grands with as little delay as possible ; and no other business shall be transacted by the

Grand Lodge until the report of said committee has been acted upon.

263. Immediately on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials the new members and Representatives will be admitted and instructed, the minutes of last annual session read, and the roll of officers and Representatives called. The Grand Master will then appoint the Standing Committees for the session (except where otherwise provided) and the reports of Grand Officers and committees appointed during recess will be read ; after which the Grand Secretary will submit all petitions, communications, appeals and accounts, and the roll of Lodges will be called for the presentation of questions of business. All such reports, communications, petitions, accounts, appeals, questions, and other business shall be referred by the Grand Master as soon as received to appropriate committees unless in any case the Grand Lodge otherwise orders.

264. The business of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in the Rules of Order. In any case where there is no rule applicable, the Grand

Lodge shall be governed by Canadian Parliamentary Practice.—G. L. By. 1 to 14.

265. The Grand Master is authorized, by precedent, to appoint a messenger, and the Grand Secretary to appoint an assistant.—*Jour.* 1881 : p. 2056.

GRAND OFFICERS.

See OFFICERS.

HOLIDAY.

266. Should any regular meeting of a Lodge fall upon any legally established or recognized holiday, the Lodge may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting; and any business that should by law or resolution be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting following.—S. L. C. 35.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

267. No person can be admitted to honorary membership in any Lodge in this jurisdiction.—S. L. C. 10.

INITIATION.

See CANDIDATE.

268. The fee for initiation shall not be less than five dollars. It must be paid previous to the admission of the candidate.—S. L. C. 46.

269. Initiation commences when the Outside Conductor retires to introduce the candidate; previous to that the Lodge is only "preparing for initiation," and members may be allowed to enter or retire.—Jour. 1878: pp. 19, 76.

270. Initiation is not finished until the candidate has been introduced as a brother.—Jour. 1876: p. 1681. And from the time the Lodge is placed in charge of the Vice Grand until then, no one can be admitted into the room.—Jour. 1875: p. 1407.

INSTALLATION.

271. Should any Grand Lodge Officer elected fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, and the Repre-

sentatives present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election; provided, that if satisfactory cause for such absence be shown, the installation of such absent officer may take place at such time and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.—G. L. By. 21.

272. The officers of every Lodge shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they have been elected or appointed, except that the installation of an officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the night of his election or appointment. An officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed. S. L. C. 29.

273. No brother can be installed into two offices.—Jour. 1872: p. 527.

274. Brothers in arrears cannot be installed into office.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1785, 1864. And, if installed, the installation is illegal and void.—Jour. 1880: pp. 1924, 1979.

275. An installing officer can instal without being himself in possession of the term Pass Word.—Jour. 1876: p. 1679.

276. Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction may instal their officers in public, on receiving a dispensation for that purpose from the Grand Master or the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is situated.—Jour. 1884: p. 2662.

INSTITUTION.

See NEW LODGE.

277. On receipt of a properly signed application from the constitutional number of qualified persons, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for the opening of a Subordinate Lodge, and in person, or by deputy, proceed with the institution thereof. All the necessary books and blank forms for the new Lodge shall be supplied at such rates as may be fixed by the Grand Lodge, and the necessary expenses of the officer instituting shall be paid by the Lodge at the time of its institution.—G. L. By. 60.

INSURANCE.

278. It is the duty of every Lodge to have its property insured.—Jour. 1880: p. 1971.

INVESTMENTS.

279. The funds of the Grand Lodge shall be invested in Canadian securities, in the names of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary ; but such moneys as are retained in the custody of the Grand Treasurer for the immediate purposes of the Grand Lodge shall be deposited by that officer in some banking institution at his own discretion, and immediately on his receipt thereof, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 59.

280. Such moneys in the possession of a Lodge as may not be required for immediate use may be invested in stock, debentures, or securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Ontario, or in securities which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple ; but in no case shall they be loaned to members the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.—S. L. C. 49.

JOINING.

281. Any Brother or Ancient Oddfellow, desirous of joining a Lodge, must present a Withdrawal Card or Dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, and his application shall then be disposed of according to the regulations governing candidates, provided that, in case of the application of a brother, who, within six months previous to such application, has been a member of a Lodge which has merged into or united with the Lodge, the vote necessary to receive shall be a majority vote by ballot.—S. L. C. 6.

JUDICIARY.

282. The Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred the decisions of the Grand Master made during the recess, and all questions relating to the interpretation or construction of the laws and usages of the Order.—G. L. By. 44.

JURISDICTION.

283. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have authority to initiate and receive into membership persons resident within its jurisdiction, which shall extend half way to the Lodge nearest located in any direction ; and it may also confer Degrees upon a member of any other Lodge, without fee, upon presentation of a request from said Lodge so to do, accompanied by a certificate that the person applying is qualified to receive the Degree applied for.—G. L. By. 61.

284. No proposition for membership, either by initiation or by card, shall be received or acted upon, if the applicant's residence be out of this jurisdiction (without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he resides), nor if his residence be nearer to any other Lodge by the nearest travelled route, unless consent of the latter be obtained ; and in the event of the violation of this clause the Lodge shall pay over all fees received from such applicant to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, and shall also be liable to suspension by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.—S. L. C. 11.

LAWS.

See BY-LAWS, LEGISLATION.

LEGISLATION.

285. The legislative functions of the Grand Lodge are vested in and exercised solely by the Representatives.—G. L. C. 4.

286. The Grand Lodge Committee on Legislation shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred all questions pertaining to the making or amending of laws.—G. L. By. 43.

LIBRARY.

287. Money may be appropriated from the General Benefit Fund of a Lodge to pay salaries and other expenses incidental to the maintenance of a library.—Jour. 1878 : p. 106.

LOANS.

288. Such moneys in the possession of a Lodge as may not be required for immediate use may be invested in stock, debentures, or

securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Ontario, or in securities which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple ; but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.—S. L. C. 49.

LODGE.

See CHARTER, NEW LODGE, RETURNS, TERMS.

289. A Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Third Degree, or Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled Lodge No. I.O.O.F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario —S. L. C. 1.

290. Every Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-Laws, provided always, that if its terms are semi-annual, twenty-six nights' service shall constitute the term of office, and if yearly not less than twenty-four.—S. L. C. 33.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

See CANDIDATE.

MEETINGS.

OF GRAND LODGE.

291. The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in August in each year, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at such place as may be appointed at the preceding session thereof; but the Grand Master shall have the power to convene special sessions of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of extraordinary business, which must be stated in the call; provided that two weeks' notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge and Representative of the time and object of such session; and at such session no business shall be transacted other than that stated in the call.—
G. L. C. 14.

292. To constitute a regular or special session of the Grand Lodge, there must be in attendance a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction; and all work shall be transacted in the Grand

Lodge Degree. Thirty Representatives shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.—G. L. C. 15.

293. The Grand Lodge shall be opened at the time specified in the Constitution for its meeting, and if a quorum be present shall proceed to business. If there be no quorum present within one half-hour, the Grand Master or the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall appear.—G. L. By. 9.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

294. The terms of a Subordinate Lodge shall be semi-annual or annual as its By-Laws may provide ; where terms of Lodge are semi-annual its meetings shall be held weekly, but if annual they may be bi-weekly or semi-monthly.—G. L. By. 63.

295. Every Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-laws, provided always, that if its terms are semi-annual, twenty-six nights' service shall constitute the term of office, and if yearly not less than twenty-four.—S. L. C. 33.

296. Special sessions may be called by the Noble Grand, or, in the absence of that officer from the place, by the Vice-Grand, such notice therefor being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to call a special meeting when requested in writing so to do by not less than five members.—S. L. C. 34.

297. Should any regular meeting fall upon any legally established or recognized holiday, the Lodge may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting; and any business that should by law or resolution be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting following.—S. L. C. 35.

298. No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting, unless at least five members of the Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to Rules of Order annexed to the Constitution.—S. L. C. 36.

MEMBERSHIP.

See CANDIDATE. GRAND LODGE.

IN GRAND LODGE.

299. Any Past Grand, on presenting a certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.—G. L. By. 1.

300. No Past Grand shall be admitted as a Representative in the Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 2.

301. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Grands within its jurisdiction, who shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to their rank, as prescribed by the usages and laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows; and of its Past Grand Mas-

ters and Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who shall have the right of debating and making motions. But its legislative functions shall be vested in and exercised solely by such Representatives as shall be elected and appointed in the manner prescribed by this Constitution and the By-Laws adopted by the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 4.

IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

302. Candidates for membership, by initiation, in any Lodge, must be free, white males, of not less than twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of the Lodge.—S. L. C. 2.

303. Every application for membership must be submitted in writing in the form provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and must be accompanied by a reference to at least two other members of the Lodge, and a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, on the form provided by the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 3.

304. The application so made shall be referred to a committee of three members, two

of whom shall be appointed by the Noble Grand, and one by the Vice Grand, who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting unless excused by a two-thirds vote of the members present, or unless the application be withdrawn by the proposer.—S. L. C. 4.

305. A ballot shall be taken on the application immediately after the presentation of such report, when, if less than three black balls be found, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared; and any proposition fee prepaid by him shall be returned.—S. L. C. 5.

306. No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in any Lodge, nor hold membership in two or more Subordinate Lodges in this Order at the same time.—S. L. C. 10.

307. A brother suspended is still a member, though debarred of benefits and privileges; a brother who has "ceased membership" is no longer a member in any sense.—Jour. 1876: p. 1677.

308. Suspended members should be counted as such in the Lodge returns.—Jour. 1876: p. 1678.

309. Suspended members are liable to assessments.—Jour. 1878: pp. 19, 76.

MERGEMENT.

310. A Subordinate Lodge may surrender its Charter and be merged into another Lodge ; or two or more Lodges may be amalgamated under the terms and conditions prescribed in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 24.

311. A Lodge desiring to surrender its Charter and be merged into some other Lodge, shall present to the Grand Lodge, or during recess to the Grand Master, a petition over its seal and the signature of its Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to that effect, showing that the question of Mergement had been voted upon and approved, after due notice sent each member ; and that there are not five qualified members able and willing to retain the Charter and work the Lodge ; and giving a statement of the amount of its funds and effects, and of its assets and liabilities. There shall also accompany the petition a certified statement from the Lodge into which the petitioners desire to be merged, setting forth its willingness to receive the members and assume

the liabilities and responsibilities of the petitioning Lodge, and further certifying that the names of said members have been submitted to an Investigating Committee, have been reported upon, and have been severally approved and accepted by a majority vote by ballot.

312. On the receipt of said petition and resolution, the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master during recess, may grant the prayer of the petition, and authorize the local District Deputy Grand Master, or a Special Deputy, to superintend the proposed mergerment.

313. The said petitioning Lodge shall, within one month after the granting of its petition, transfer, convey and deliver up to the Lodge into which it proposes to merge, all its assets, funds, furniture, regalia, books, papers and effects, except its Charter, which shall be delivered up to the District Deputy Grand Master or a Special Deputy; and the names of all its members who had been previously balloted for and accepted by the Lodge into which it proposes to merge, shall be at once entered upon the roll of membership of the last mentioned Lodge, which shall thereupon assume all the liabilities and responsibilities of the said merging Lodge; and the members so

received shall have such rank and standing as the books of said merging Lodge shall show.

314. From and after the entry of their names upon the roll, as aforesaid, each and every member whose name shall have been so entered, shall be deemed and taken to be a member of said Lodge, and subject to the same laws and entitled to the same rights, benefits and privileges to the like extent as if he had joined said last mentioned Lodge by card, and as provided in the terms of the preceding clauses.

315. Upon the completion of the Mergement, the District Deputy Grand Master or Special Deputy shall immediately make report thereof to the Grand Master, certifying that he has witnessed the transfer of assets by the one Lodge, and the entry of the names of members on the roll of the other Lodge; and he shall return the Charter of the Lodge which has been merged, together with the names and standing of those members who have not entered into the Mergement, if there should be any such; and said members may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a card, as provided for in the case of members of extinct lodges.

316. When two or more Lodges desire to be united, each Lodge shall present a petition to that effect to the Grand Lodge, or during recess, to the Grand Master; such petition shall set forth that the question of union had been affirmatively voted upon after due notice sent each member, and that there were not five members able and willing to retain the Charter and work the Lodge; and shall also give a statement of the funds and effects, and assets and liabilities of the Lodge, and a list of members, with their rank and financial standing and Post Office address.

317. On receipt of said petition the Grand Lodge, or during recess, the Grand Master, may grant the prayer and authorize the amalgamation of the petitioning Lodges.

318. When the union of said petitioning Lodges has been approved, the Grand Master shall cause notice to be sent to each unsuspended member of the several Lodges at least one week prior to the date fixed for effecting such union, and shall summon him to be present in person at the time and place appointed for that purpose; and shall also notify the officers of the several Lodges to produce and surrender

at said time and place all the funds, effects, books, papers and Charters of the said Lodges.

319. On the production and surrender of all the said funds, effects, books, papers and Charters, the Grand Master shall issue a dispensation for a Lodge to the members of the several Lodges present and desiring to be united, and shall, in person or by Deputy, institute the same; and shall transfer to it, as soon as instituted, all the funds, effects, books and papers of the united Lodges; and said Lodge shall therewith assume and pay all the liabilities and responsibilities of the several Lodges out of which it has been formed, and its members shall have such rank and standing as the books of the uniting Lodges shall show.

320. Any member of any of the uniting Lodges who shall fail to be present at the institution of the united Lodge may, on application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Withdrawal Card, as provided for members of extinct Lodges, and should he apply for admission by such card to the united Lodge within six months from the date of its institution, the vote necessary for his election to membership shall be a majority vote by ballot of those present and voting.—G. L. By. 69 to 78.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

321. The Grand Lodge Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of seven members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of the mileage and per diem of the officers and representatives and the Junior Past Grand Master in accordance with such resolutions as may be adopted from time to time fixing the rate of such mileage and per diem.—G. L. By. 46.

322. Mileage and per diem is not to be paid any one leaving before the close of the session without the consent of the Grand Lodge.—Jour. 1858 : p. 50.

MINUTES.

323. The minutes of a meeting being correctly recorded cannot be declared incorrect because it is supposed the proceedings recorded were illegal.—Jour. 1870 : pp. 404, 408 ; nor, having been confirmed, could the minutes be amended.—Jour. 1880 : p. 1980.

324. When the Minutes of a Lodge are properly recorded, it is not competent for the

Noble Grand to declare them incorrect because he deems the action of the Lodge illegal.—*Jour.* 1870: pp. 404, 408.

NEW LODGE.

See CHARTER.

325. On receipt of a properly signed application from the constitutional number of qualified persons, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for the opening of a Subordinate Lodge, and in person, or by deputy, proceed with the institution thereof. All the necessary books and blank forms for the new Lodge shall be supplied at such rates as may be fixed by the Grand Lodge, and the necessary expenses of the officer instituting shall be paid by the Lodge at the time of its institution.—G. L. By. 60.

326. Upon the written application of properly qualified members of the Order, accompanied by certificates of qualification and the Charter fees, the Grand Lodge will grant Charters to Subordinate Lodges, Degree Lodges and Rebekah Degree Lodges, subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the

Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. During the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master at his discretion may issue dispensations for the institution of such Lodges.—G. L. C. 18.

327. The applicants for a Charter for a Subordinate Lodge must be at least five in number; and in a locality where a Lodge already exists, not less than ten; and must be in possession of the Third Degree, and holders of Withdrawal Cards or Dismissal Certificates. For a charter for a Degree Lodge, there must be not less than ten applicants of the Third Degree, two of whom must be Past Grands; and for a Rebekah Degree Lodge the applicants must not be less than five brothers of the Third Degree and five sisters possessing the Rebekah Degree, or qualified by their relationship to the members of the Order to receive the same.—G. L. C. 19.

328. Where it is deemed advisable to institute a Lodge in any locality not less than ten miles from any other Lodge—the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master having been first obtained—it shall not be necessary for the applicants to be members of the Order; and the Grand Master, or his duly com-

missioned deputy, shall have power to initiate and confer the Degrees on a sufficient number of applicants to constitute such new Lodge, provided that such persons shall have first made application to the nearest Lodge, and been accepted upon ballot, as in the case of other applicants for membership.—G. L. C. 20.

329. Charter Members of new Lodges should pay the regular fees for deposit of card, as provided by the By-Laws of the new Lodge.
—Jour. 1871 : p. 469.

NOMINATIONS.

IN GRAND LODGE.

330. The nominations for the election of officers of the Grand Lodge, and for Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall take place on the last day of the annual session.
—G. L. By. 15.

331. The Grand Secretary shall transmit to each Past Grand nominated a notice of his nomination, on or before the first day of May following, requesting his acceptance or declination of said nomination on or before the fifteenth

day of May. The Grand Secretary shall, not later than the first day of June, transmit to the several Lodges in the jurisdiction the names of all the nominees who have accepted the nominations, stating the several offices for which they were nominated.—G. L. By. 16.

332. Should all the candidates for any office decline the nomination, or be disqualified by removal from the jurisdiction, loss of membership, or other cause, the nomination and election for such office shall take place at the annual session of the Grand Lodge following ; and the voting thereon shall be confined to the Representatives present in Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 20.

333. Should any officer elected fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, and the Representatives present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election ; provided, that if satisfactory cause for such absence be shown, the installation of such absent officer may take place at such time and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.—G. L. By. 21.

IN SUBORDINATE LODGES.

334. Nominations for the Elective Offices in Subordinate Lodges shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections thereto, and no nominee shall be balloted for who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.—S. L. C. 21.

335. Nominations for Representative must be made before proceeding to election—Jour. 1870: pp. 404, 408; but it must be on the night of election, not on the regular night of nomination for elective officers.—Jour. 1874: p. 728.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

336. No suspended member shall be reinstated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues and assessments that may have accrued since that date, except in case of a member dropped for non-payment of dues.

337. No member who has been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues,

except members of defunct Lodges and those possessing dismissal certificates, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped ; and in no case shall he be readmitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation, and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident, he shall not be required to re-sign the Constitution.

338. Any member of a Lodge who is in arrears for dues for one year shall be reported to the Lodge by the Permanent Secretary, and on such report shall be dropped from membership, unless the Lodge, by resolution, extend the time of payment, which extension shall in no case exceed six months ; provided that a member under suspension for any cause for a definite period shall not be dropped from membership until the expiration of his term of suspension.—S. L. C. 66 to 68.

OFFENCES.

See TRIALS.

339. Every member charged with an offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion (unless for non-payment of dues), shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the Constitution, and of the Rules of Procedure on Trials adopted by the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 58.

OFFICERS.

See ELECTION, INSTALLATION.

OF GRAND LODGE.

340. The elective officers of the Grand Lodge shall be Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Past Grands in good standing, voting in their several Subordinate Lodges as provided by By-Law.

341. The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent the Grand Lodge in

the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in the form and manner herein prescribed for the nomination and election of Grand Officers.

342. The appointed officers of the Grand Lodge shall be : Grand Marshal, Cor 'uctor, Guardian, Chaplain and Herald, to appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

343. The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, appoint, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a District Deputy Grand Master for each District under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and within which one or more Subordinate Lodges may be in operation.

344. There shall be two Grand Lodge Auditors, one of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Master and the other shall be elected at the annual session of the Grand Lodge, and shall hold office until his successor is elected ; should any Auditor, during recess, die, resign, refuse or neglect to act, or become incapacitated, his place shall, from time to

time, as occasion rises, be supplied by appointment of the Grand Master.

345. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Grand Representative, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a member of the Order to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers and Grand Representatives, provided always that the member so chosen shall serve only until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge, when in the event of the term of the vacant office being still unexpired, the Representatives present shall elect by ballot a member to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.—G. L. C. 6-11.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

346. The nominations for the election of officers of the Grand Lodge, and for Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall take place on the last day of the annual session.

347. The Grand Secretary shall transmit to each Past Grand nominated a notice of his

nomination, on or before the first day of May following, requesting his acceptance or declination of said nomination on or before the fifteenth day of May. The Grand Secretary shall, not later than the first day in June, transmit to the several Lodges in the jurisdiction the names of all the nominees who have accepted the nominations, stating the several offices for which they were nominated.

348. At the last regular meeting of the Subordinate Lodges held in June, all Past Grands in good standing and present shall, in open Lodge, proceed to vote by ballot for Grand Officers. The Noble Grand and Secretary shall immediately thereafter count the vote and announce the result to the Lodge, and the Secretary shall record the same in the minutes. They shall also make a record on a printed form, provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, of the number of votes cast for each candidate, sign the same and affix the seal of the Lodge, and immediately transmit the same by mail in a sealed envelope, registered, to the Grand Secretary, marked "Election Returns for Grand Lodge Officers, from — Lodge, No. —." A duplicate return shall also be placed in the hands of the Lodge Representative.

349. The Grand Lodge Committee on Election Returns shall meet on the evening of the first day of the session of the Grand Lodge, and unseal the envelopes and count the ballot, in the presence of any of the elective Grand Officers, the candidates or their agents, who may choose to attend. The first order of business after opening the Grand Lodge on the second day of the session shall be the reception of the report of the Committee of Election Returns; and if the Committee report any informalities or irregularities in the returns of any of the Lodges, the same may be corrected by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge. No vote shall be counted as part of the poll unless it be for a candidate regularly nominated.

350. In the election for such office, the candidate having a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected by the Grand Master. In case no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Representatives present in Grand Lodge shall immediately proceed to ballot upon the candidates in nomination; and after each ballot the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn.

351. Should all the candidates for any office decline the nomination, or be disqualified by

removal from the jurisdiction, loss of membership, or other cause, the nomination and election for such office shall take place at the annual session of the Grand Lodge following; and the voting thereon shall be confined to the Representatives present in Grand Lodge.

352. Should any officer elected fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, and the Representatives present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election; provided, that if satisfactory cause for such absence be shown, the installation of such absent officer may take place at such time and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may direct.

353. At an election for Grand Officers in any Subordinate Lodge, a Past Grand not a member of such Lodge shall be permitted to vote, on presenting a certificate from the Secretary of his own Lodge that he is in good standing and entitled to vote at that election; which certificate shall be attached to the election return of the Lodge in which said Past Grand votes, and be transmitted therewith to the Grand Lodge.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

354. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge when present ; he shall preserve order and decorum therein, and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge ; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in cases decided by ballot ; he shall appoint all officers and committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge ; sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature ; and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, the passwords necessary ; he shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of all committees of the Grand Lodge whose meetings he may choose to attend ; he may grant dispensations to open new Lodges, and for the mergement or amalgamation of existing Lodges, and petitions of a Subordinate Lodge to reinstate an expelled member ; and he shall, in person, or by deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings and work of

each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, whenever he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests; the necessary expense incurred in making such visits to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 15 to 23.

355. The Grand Master's decisions during the recess should be in writing, and in answer only to written questions.—Jour. 1870: pp. 417, 418.

356. The Grand Master is authorized, by precedent, to appoint a messenger, and the Grand Secretary to appoint an assistant.—Jour. 1881: p. 2056.

357. The Deputy Grand Master shall act as the assistant of the Grand Master, and, during the absence of that officer, shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex-officio*, become Grand Master until the next regular session thereafter.

358. The Grand Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand

Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; he shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it; and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge-room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge. And in the event of a vacancy in the office of Deputy Grand Master, he shall perform the duties of that office until the first regular session thereafter.

359. The duty of the Grand Secretary shall be to attend in person every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent to transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all proceedings, and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall also keep a just and true account between each Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and also of the affairs of the Grand Lodge; he shall preserve all books and fyle all documents belonging to his office; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and pay over to him monthly all moneys coming into his hands on account of the Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Master, or the Grand

Lodge, if in session ; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge ; furnish all committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference ; transmit to the Sovereign Grand Lodge a regular report of the Order, made up to the 31st December in each year ; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular or special session of the Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement ; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand Lodge ; affix the Seal of the Grand Lodge to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it ; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence, and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within the duties of his office. He shall have his books properly closed before the annual session, and shall have a sufficient number of his annual report printed for the use of the Grand Lodge. Prior to installation he shall execute in favor of the Grand Lodge a satisfactory bond of a Guarantee Company for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each annual session.

360. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand

Lodge, investing or depositing the same as directed by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and none other; he shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear and legible manner, exhibiting, in as far as possible, the resources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; he shall have his accounts closed immediately before every regular session, and submit them thereat to the Grand Lodge; and shall, prior to the installation, execute in favor of the Grand Lodge a satisfactory bond of a Guarantee Company for the due and faithful performance of his duties.

361. The Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and act thereat on behalf of this jurisdiction; they shall be furnished with certificates of election in the form required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They shall also attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the sessions thereof attended by them, to appear in the annual printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

362. The Grand Chaplain shall open and

close every meeting of the Grand Lodge with prayer.

363. The Grand Marshal shall examine Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.

364. The Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshal in the Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.

365. The Grand Herald shall securely guard the outer door of the Lodge-room ; he shall permit no one to enter without examination and receiving from him the semi-annual Pass-Word ; he shall receive the cards of travelling brothers desiring to visit the Grand Lodge and deliver the same to the Grand Guardian to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

366. The Grand Guardian shall have the charge of the inner entrance of the Grand Lodge-room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.

367. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall act as the agent of the Grand Master, with the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges situated

within the District over which he may be appointed ; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly ; and to instal the officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by a competent officer ; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all dispensations granted to any Lodge in his District ; he shall report to the Grand Master, at least two weeks previous to each regular Session, such dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty ; and he shall remit forthwith to the Grand Secretary all dues, charges, and other funds which may have been received by him on account of the Grand Lodge.

368. The Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, shall not hold office in a Subordinate Lodge while holding either of those offices.

369. It shall be the duty of the Grand Lodge Auditors to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer prior to each annual session of the Grand Lodge, and report upon the same.—G. L. By. 24 to 36.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

370. The Elective Officers of a Lodge shall be : Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary, and Treasurer.

371. No brother shall be eligible for the office of Noble Grand until he has served a term as Vice-Grand, nor of Vice-Grand until he has served a term in some inferior office, except that of Chaplain, has attained the Third Degree, and is in good standing. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

372. Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections thereto, and no nominee shall be balloted for who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.

373. The Election of Officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term. If for any elective office, or for the office of Representative to the Grand Lodge, only one member shall be in nomination, such member

shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot; and only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

374. A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer on any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.

375. The appointed Officers of a Lodge shall be: Warden, Conductor, Outside Guard, Inside Guard, Right Supporter Noble Grand, Left Supporter Noble Grand, Right Supporter Vice-Grand, Left Supporter Vice-Grand, Right Scene Supporter and Left Scene Supporter, and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

376. These officers shall be appointed by the Noble Grand, immediately after his installation, except the Right Supporter Vice-Grand and Left Supporter Vice-Grand, who shall

be appointed at the same time by the Vice-Grand.

377. All members appointed as officers must be in good standing, and must have attained to the Third Degree.

378. The Noble Grand, with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as Outside Guard a brother of the Third Degree belonging to any other Lodge in the jurisdiction.

379. The Lodge may at any time elect a Physician, Solicitor, or other officer, required for the operation of the legitimate work of the Lodge ; but the person so elected shall not, as such officer, be subject to any of the laws of the Order relating to membership, qualification, or honors, and may be elected under a by-law, resolution, or in any manner and at any time that the Lodge may decide.

INSTALLATION.

380. The Officers of the Lodge shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they have been elected or appointed, except that the installation of an officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the

night of his election or appointment. An officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

381. Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.

382. Any vacancy in office by resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be. In the case of elective officers, the election may take place on the second night of nomination; and the members so elected or appointed shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

383. The Officers of the Lodge shall perform such duties and be invested with such powers as are prescribed by the Charge Books

and Usages of the Order, the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws and Resolutions of the Lodge.—S. L. C. 19 to 32.

384. It is imperative on all officers to commit to memory the charges of their several offices as soon as practicable after installation.—Jour. 1868 : p. 320.

385. If an officer is absent at roll-call, his subsequent assumption of his chair should be recorded on the minutes, and the Noble Grand can so instruct the Secretary.—Jour. 1886 : p. 2978.

386. The Noble Grand's rights in the matter of voting are as follows : In an election by ballot (of a candidate or an officer) he can vote the same as other members, but has no casting vote ; when the vote is an open one he has only a casting vote in cases of tie.—Jour. 1875 : p. 1469 ; Jour. 1880 : p. 1924, 1979.

387. The Noble Grand's powers as to allowing members to enter or retire from the room are largely discretionary ; he is not required to prevent them retiring at any time, except during initiation—Jour. 1868 : p. 369 ;

and even then he may allow a brother to retire if the case is one of urgency—Jour. 1881: p. 2113; during “preparation for initiation” he can use his own discretion—Jour. 1875: p. 1408; during “opening” and “initiation” he cannot allow any one to enter—Jour. 1875: p. 1398; but at no other time should he refuse admission to any brother in good standing.—Jour. 1874: pp. 725, 733.

388. It is customary, but not imperative, for the Noble Grand to rise when putting a motion to the Lodge.—Jour. 1875: p. 1398.

389. The Noble Grand can rule a motion out of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge.—Jour. 1875: p. 1408.

390. It is the prerogative of the Noble Grand to appoint the Vice-Grand, or any Past Grand, to act as Outside Conductor.—Jour. 1878: pp. 19, 76.

ORDER.

See RULES OF ORDER, STATE OF THE ORDER.

PAST GRANDS.

391. Past Grands in good standing are members of the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 4.

392. Only Past Grands are eligible for election as Representatives to the Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 5.

393. Only Past Grands can vote at the election of Grand Officers.—G. L. C. 6.

394. Any Past Grand, on presenting a certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination in the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.—G. L. By. 1.

395. The Grand Secretary shall keep a register of the Past Grands of the jurisdiction. Whenever any member of a Subordinate Lodge attains to the rank of Past Grand a certificate to that effect shall be immediately forwarded under the seal of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary, and each semi-annual return of a Subordinate Lodge shall contain a full list of all Past Grands in good standing belonging to the Lodge.—G. L. By. 8.

396. At the last regular meeting of the Subordinate Lodges held in June, all Past Grands in good standing and present shall, in open lodge, proceed to vote by ballot for Grand Officers. The Noble Grand and Secretary shall immediately thereafter count the vote and announce the result to the Lodge, and the Secretary shall record the same in the minutes. They shall also make a record on a printed form, provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, of the number of votes cast for each candidate, sign the same and affix the seal of the Lodge, and immediately transmit the same by mail in a sealed envelope, registered, to the Grand Secretary, marked "Election Returns for Grand Lodge Officers, from ——— Lodge, No. ———." A duplicate return shall also be placed in the hands of the Lodge Representative.—G. L. By. 17.

397. At an election for Grand Officers in any Subordinate Lodge, a Past Grand not a member of such Lodge shall be permitted to vote, on presenting a certificate from the Secretary of his own Lodge that he is in good standing and entitled to vote at that election; which certificate shall be attached to the election return of the Lodge in which said Past

Grand votes, and be transmitted therewith to the Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 22.

398. A Past Grand's seniority dates from the time he first became a Past Grand, whether in the Lodge to which he now belongs or some other.—Jour. 1876 : p. 1679.

399. In the Grand Lodge a Past Grand has no right to move or second a motion, or debate on any subject, unless he is a Past Grand Master.—Jour. 1865 : p. 220.

400. On the death of a Past Grand, his Lodge should send official notice of his death to the Grand Secretary.—Jour. 1879 : pp. 1805, 1867.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

401. Past Grand Masters in good standing are members of the Grand Lodge and have the right of debating and making motions, but have no right to vote in Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 4.

PENALTIES.

402. Any member who shall violate any of the laws, principles or practices of the Order, or any part of the Constitution or By-Laws of his Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.—S. L. C. 57.

PER CAPITA.

403. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge such sum per capita as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which shall be payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual return.—G. L. C. 16.

404. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge the sum of fifty cents per annum, payable semi-annually, for each unsuspended member on its books as shown by its semi-annual returns.—G. L. By. 54.

405. Suspension of a Lodge does not relieve it from paying to Grand Lodge per capita tax.—Jour. 1877: pp. 1848, 1965.

PETITIONS.

406. The Grand Lodge Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred all petitions, and all official correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.—G. L. By. 47.

PHYSICIAN.

407. Every Lodge may at any time elect a Physician, Solicitor, or other officer, required for the operation of the legitimate work of the Lodge, but the person so elected, shall not, as such officer, be subject to any of the laws of the Order relating to membership, qualification, or honors, and may be elected under a by-law, resolution, or in any manner and at any time that the Lodge may decide.—S. L. C. 28.

408. Every application for membership must be submitted in writing in the form pro-

vided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and must be accompanied by a reference to at least two other members of the Lodge, and a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, on the form provided by the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 3.

POWERS.

See APPEALS, GRAND LODGE, OFFICERS.

PRINTING.

409. The Grand Lodge Committee on Printing and Supplies shall be composed of the Grand Secretary and two other members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the close of each annual session. During the recess of the Grand Lodge the Committee shall supervise all matters relative to the printing required by the Grand Lodge, the purchase of all supplies, and the expenditure connected with the Grand Lodge Offices. Purchase shall be made by tender wherever practicable. The Committee shall make a report to the Grand Lodge at each annual session.—G. L. By. 42.

PROCEDURE.

See TRIALS.

PUNISHMENT.

See PENALTIES.

QUALIFICATIONS

See CANDIDATE, OFFICERS.

QUORUM.

410. To constitute a regular or special session of the Grand Lodge, there must be in attendance a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction ; and all work shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree. Thirty Representatives shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
—G. L. C. 15.

411. The Grand Lodge shall be opened at the time specified in the Constitution for its meeting, and if a quorum be present shall pro-

ceed to business. If there be no quorum present within one half-hour, the Grand Master or the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall appear.—G. L. By. 9.

412. Should there be present less than a quorum of qualified members, the Grand Master shall direct the Grand Lodge Degree to be conferred on such Representatives as are in attendance and not in possession of said degree, but presenting certificates showing they are entitled to it.—G. L. By. 11.

413. The first named member of a committee shall be the chairman thereof, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the committee. At all meetings of committees the Rules of Order shall be observed as far as practicable, except the rules respecting the writing and seconding of motions limiting the number of times a member may speak, recording the yeas and nays, and calling the previous question. A majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum.—G. L. By. 51.

414. No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting of a Lodge, unless at least five members of the Lodge be then

present, nor otherwise than according to Rules of Order annexed to the Constitution.—S. L. C. 36.

415. Any charge or charges preferred against a member shall be referred to a committee of five members, to be chosen by ballot, three of whom shall be a quorum; which committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure on Trials. In selecting this committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.—S. L. C. 60.

RE-ADMISSION.

416. Should any member receiving a Withdrawal Card from a Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be re-admitted to membership and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the entrance fee, or any portion thereof.—S. L. C. 18.

417. No member who has been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, and those

possessing dismissal certificate shall be again admitted to membership in the Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped ; and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation, and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident, he shall not be required to re-sign the Constitution.—S. L. C. 67.

REBEKAH DEGREE.

418. Rebekah Degree Lodges may be instituted on the application of ten or more persons, five of whom shall be Third Degree members in good standing of some Subordinate Lodge or Lodges in this jurisdiction, and five female relatives of Third Degree members in good standing in the Order, and all in possession of the Rebekah Degree, or qualified to receive the same. Such application shall be signed by the applicants, and shall be accompanied by the charter fee of \$5, by certificates of qualification from the Lodges to which the applicants or their male relatives belong, and by a recommendation from the Lodge or Lodges in the city or town from which the application comes.

419. Rebekah Degree Lodges shall have power to receive into membership by initiation Third Degree members in good standing in Subordinate Lodges, and their wives and such other female relatives as are qualified by the general laws to be admitted to the Degree ; and also to receive on deposit of card qualified members of the Degree of Rebekah from other Lodges. All applications for admisison shall be submitted to the consideration of a committee appointed by the Noble Grand ; and on the Committee's report a ballot shall be taken, and if not more than three black balls appear, the candidate shall be eligible for admission.

420. Rebekah Degree Lodges shall have power to adopt such By-Laws and Rules of Order as they may see fit ; provided always that no such By-Laws or Rules of Order shall become operative until after they have been approved by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or, in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

421. Rebekah Degree Lodges shall be subject to all the Laws applying to Subordinate Lodges in the matter of sessions, terms, election and appointment of officers, returns, trials and penalties, and forfeiture of Charter, in so

far as the same may be applicable ; excepting that they shall not be required to pay a per capita tax to this Grand Lodge.—G. L. By. 94 to 97.

422. The Grand Lodge Committee on Degree of Rebekah shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred all matters connected with the Degree of Rebekah in this jurisdiction.—G. L. By. 50.

423. A District Deputy Grand Master cannot instal the officers of a Rebekah Degree Lodge unless he is a member of a Lodge of that degree.—Jour. 1890 : 4719.

424. A member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge cannot wear his Encampment regalia therein.—Jour. 1879 : p. 1862.

REDUCTION OF BENEFITS.

See BENEFITS.

REGALIA.

425. The Noble Grand is authorized to compel Officers to wear their official regalia while in Lodge.—Jour. 1868 : p. 328.

426. Grand Lodge disapproves of the wearing of regalia in outside parades.—*Jour.* 1874: pp. 672, 726.

REGISTER.

See PAST GRANDS.

REINSTATEMENT.

427. When any member suspended^a for a definite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his suspension, or, having been expelled, desires reinstatement, his case shall be referred to a committee of five members, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for reinstatement, and, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, may be reinstated.—S. L. C. 65.

428. No member shall be reinstated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues and assessments that may have accrued since that

date, except in case of a member dropped for non payment of dues.—S. L. C. 66.

429. A Brother having ceased membership for non-payment of dues, cannot reinstate himself by merely paying his arrears to the Secretary. His arrears having been so paid and received by the Secretary, would not give him or his widow any claim to benefits in case of his sickness or death.—Jour. 1871: p. 471.

430. A suspended member can apply for reinstatement in his own Lodge, although resident within the jurisdiction of another Lodge; the application to be in writing.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1785, 1864.

432. A Brother who had ceased membership, on being reinstated, would not require to be re-obligated, but would have to sign the Constitution—Jour. 1875: p. 1410; except he be a non-resident.—Jour. 1883: 2445

433. A member expelled, on being reinstated, would be liable for dues accruing during time of expulsion.—Jour. 1876: p. 1674; (but the Lodge has power to compromise.)

REJECTION.

434. A ballot shall be taken on every application for membership immediately after the presentation of the report of the Committee on Character, when, if less than three black balls be found, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared; and any proposition fee prepaid by him shall be returned.—S. L. C. 5.

435. The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the city, town or village in which such rejection takes place.—S. L. C. 8.

436. No candidate for membership by initiation, who has been rejected can again be proposed until at least six months after his rejection.—S. L. C. 9.

437. If, on a ballot for Degrees, three or more black balls appear, the applicant shall be rejected, otherwise he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees applied for. In case of rejection he shall not be again balloted for to receive

the Degrees unless two weeks' notice is given immediately preceding the meeting at which such ballot is taken.—S. L. C. 15.

RELIEF.

See BENEFITS.

REPORTS.

See TRIALS.

438. The reports of all Grand Lodge committees must be made in writing and shall be laid on the table, to be printed by the Grand Secretary, and copies thereof placed before the members at the next sitting of the Grand Lodge, when action shall be taken thereon; provided that this By-Law may be suspended by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge whenever its operation would be impracticable or unnecessary.—G. L. By. 52.

439. In all cases where matters are referred to Special Committees to be reported on at a subsequent session of the Grand Lodge, such report or reports must be sent to the Grand Secretary in time to be printed, and a copy

thereof sent to each Subordinate Lodge at least one month prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, and to each Representative, as soon as his name is known to the Grand Secretary.—G. L. By. 53.

REPRESENTATIVES.

440. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of all duly qualified Past Grands within its jurisdiction, who shall be entitled to all the privileges pertaining to their rank, as prescribed by the usages and laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows; and of its Past Grand Masters and Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who shall have the right of debating and making motions. But its legislative functions shall be vested in and exercised solely by such Representatives as shall be elected and appointed in the manner prescribed by this Constitution and the By-Laws adopted by this Grand Lodge.—G. L. C. 4.

441. Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its last meeting in the month of June, annually elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative or

Representatives as follows, that is to say : one Representative where the number of members to be returned in the semi-annual report of the current term shall be 100 or less ; over 100 and under 200, two Representatives ; 200, or more, three Representatives. Any Lodge not having in membership a properly qualified Past Grand may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge in the jurisdiction as its Representative.—G. L. C. 5.

442. No Past Grand shall be admitted as a Representative in the Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto ; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

443. In balloting for Representatives to the Grand Lodge only one name should be written upon the ballot ; and no one shall be declared elected unless he has received a majority of all the votes cast.

444. The resignation by any member of his office as Representative must be addressed in writing to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to

consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient ; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.—G. L. By. 2 to 5.

445. A Representative cannot represent more than one Subordinate Lodge in the Grand Lodge at the same session.—Jour. 1870 : p. 410.

446. A Representative to Grand Lodge is not an officer of his own Lodge by virtue of being Representative.—Jour. 1872 : p. 551.

447. The Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are required to forward the Credentials of Representatives elect to the Grand Secretary, at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.—Jour. 1871 : p. 475.

448. Nominations for Representative must be made before proceeding to election—Jour. 1870 : pp. 404, 408 ; but it must be on the night of election, not on the regular night of nomination for elective officers.—Jour. 1874 : p. 728.

449. In electing Representatives, the roll of members must be called, if demanded by a

member in good standing, before the ballot is taken.—Jour. 1874 : p. 724.

450. In balloting for Representatives only one name should be written upon any ballot paper, and a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary to a choice. Should there be no choice upon any ballot, the name of the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped on proceeding to a new ballot.—Jour. 1869 : p. 371. If more than one Representative is to be chosen in commencing to ballot for a second, all others previously nominated will be considered in nomination.—Jour. 1873 : p. 621. In case of a tie between two or more of the lowest (three or more being in nomination), a ballot should be immediately taken to determine which of those tying should be dropped ; in no case should the Noble Grand give a casting vote.—Jour. 1871 : p. 468.

451. A Lodge may elect as Representative a Past Grand who is absent at the time of election, even though he has sent no excuse for absence, nor expressed his willingness to accept the position.—Jour. 1871 : p. 462.

RESIDENCE.

See JURISDICTION.

RESIGNATION.

452. The resignation by any member of his office as Representative must be addressed in writing to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient ; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.—G. L. By. 4.

453. Any member in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from his Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his

membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 16.

RESTORATION.

See APPEALS, DEFUNCT LODGE, REINSTATEMENT.

RETURNS.

454. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand and Permanent Secretary to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary immediately on the expiry of their term of office, a regular return of the work of such term, with the result of election of officers, etc., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual or annual return as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

455. Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge, the same being twenty-five cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

456. A fine of two dollars shall be payable by the Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any semi-annual term and until the returns required by the preceding clauses are placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and a further fine of fifty cents per day, for every day that shall elapse after the 25th day of July, until the returns for the term preceding are sent to the Grand Secretary.

457. Should any Lodge, or the officers thereof, fail to make the returns required by the preceding clauses for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect (or to such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same), the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.—
S. L. C. 40 to 43.

458. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to

make the returns and pay the dues required by its Constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session. In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of such Lodge to transmit to the Grand Lodge the Charter, books, funds and other property of said Lodge.—G. L. C. 22.

459. On or immediately after the first meeting in January and July of each year, each Subordinate Lodge shall make a return to the Grand Lodge of its work and condition for the six months immediately preceding. Should any Lodge fail to forward its returns promptly to the Grand Lodge, as required by its Constitution, the Grand Secretary shall, immediately upon receipt of such return, enter to the debit of such Lodge a fine of two dollars per month for the time which may have elapsed since such return was due. After the 25th day of July in each year, an additional fine of fifty cents per day shall be imposed on any Lodge failing to send its returns to the Grand Secre-

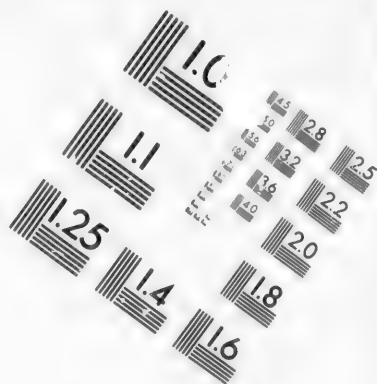
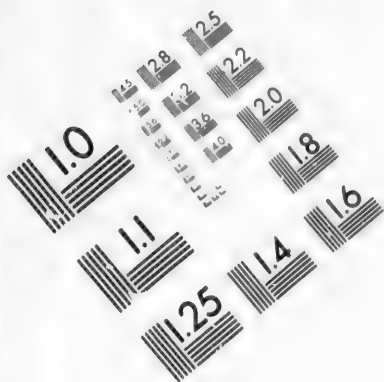
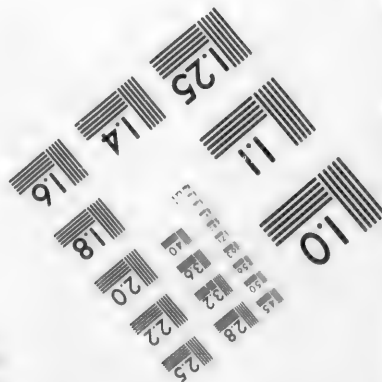
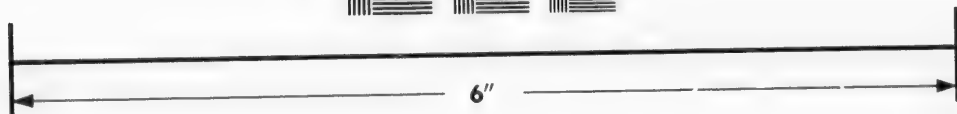
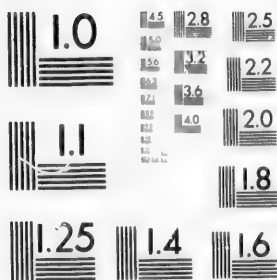


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tary until said returns are received by him ; and in no case shall this fine be remitted.—G. L. By. 64.

460. District Deputy Grand Masters are not to instal the officers elect of Lodges until the returns, including all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, have been placed in their hands, or proof shown to them that the same have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary.—*Jour.* 1883 : p. 2432.

REVENUE.

461. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge such sum per capita as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which shall be payable half-yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its semi-annual return. Its revenue shall be further drawn from Charter fees of Lodges instituted, which shall be for a Subordinate Lodge, \$30 ; for a Degree Lodge, \$5 ; and for a Rebekah Degree Lodge, \$5 ; and from the sale of supplies to Lodges.—G. L. C. 16.

462. In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of the Grand Lodge, the amount required

may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of unsuspended members in each Lodge, as reported in its last semi-annual return. But the Grand Lodge shall not create any debt or incur any liability requiring a larger amount than can be paid out of its funds on hand, without the sanction previously obtained of at least two-thirds of the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.—G. L. C. 17.

463. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge the sum of fifty cents per annum, payable semi-annually for each unsuspended member on its books as shown by its semi-annual returns.—G. L. By. 54.

464. All rituals, books and blank forms necessary for the proper working of Lodges shall be provided by the Grand Lodge and sold to Subordinates at a uniform advance of twenty-five per cent. on cost. All orders for supplies must be over the seal of the Lodge, and must be accompanied by the amount required to pay the same—G. L. By. 55.

RULES OF ORDER.

465. The business of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in the Rules of Order following. In any case where there is no rule applicable, the Grand Lodge shall be governed by Canadian Parliamentary Practice :

I. After each adjournment the Grand Lodge shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the Order of Business, and the Minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read and approved.

II. During the continuance of the session the most decorous order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

The order of procedure, after opening adjourned sittings, shall be as follows :

1. The calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.

2. The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by absentees from previous sittings.

3. The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Committee on Credentials, on

claims for admission as Representatives or Members.

4. The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new Members.

5. The reading by the Grand Secretary of the Minutes of last sitting, the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

6. Reading of accounts, petitions, and other communications.

7. Reports of Standing Committees in the following order

On Distribution.

“ Finance.

“ Appeals and Grievances.

“ Laws of Subordinates.

“ Printing and Supplies.

“ Legislation.

“ State of the Order.

“ Judiciary.

“ Mileage and Per Diem.

“ Petitions and Correspondence.

“ Districts.

“ Election Returns.

“ Rebekah Degree.

“ Fraternal Relations.

8. The receiving of any reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

9. New business.

10. Unfinished business, in order of priority at previous sittings.

11. Closing or adjournment (as the case may be) of the Grand Lodge.

III. Notwithstanding the Order of Business in Rule II., the Grand Lodge may, by resolution, make the consideration of any matter coming before it a special order for any particular hour or day.

IV. No question, unless regularly moved and seconded, and submitted in writing, shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the Presiding Officer.

V. No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the chair; and when so put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1. To adjourn;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone;
5. To refer; or
6. To amend.

The several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first,

second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

VI. The previous question shall be put from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

VII. If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or further debate thereon.

VIII. Before taking the vote on any motion, the Presiding Officer shall ask: "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*" and, should no member stand up to speak, the Presiding Officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

IX. After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question,

may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next sitting, move for a re-consideration, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

X. Any Representative may require the division of the question, when the sense will admit of it.

XI. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or on the longest or latest time proposed.

XII. The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any three Representatives.

XIII. Every Representative present may be required to vote on any question, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, personally interested in the result, or otherwise incapacitated.

XIV. Any member intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

XV. No Representative shall speak more than once on the same question, until every member entitled to speak shall have had an opportunity

of doing so ; nor more than twice, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

XVI. Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor ; and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for the words spoken, or rules infringed.

XVII. Any member called to order while speaking shall resume his seat, and the debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of order thus raised be determined ; nor shall any member speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeal from the decision of the chair.

XVIII. The decision of the Presiding Officer on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it ; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the chair.

XIX. In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation : "*Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge,*" and the Grand

Lodge shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question: "*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?*"

XX. Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling, must apologize to the Grand Lodge or to any aggrieved party if required to do so by the Presiding Officer, and shall not speak again on the impending question, except to explain and apologize, unless specially permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer.

XXI. Visiting Past Grands, not members of this Grand Lodge, may address the Grand Lodge on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

XXII. These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of Grand Lodge present and voting.—G. L. By. 14.

466.

RULES OF ORDER.

FOR LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND
LODGE OF ONTARIO.

I. As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair the officers and brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

II. The order of procedure after opening, shall be as follows :

1. The calling of the roll of officers.
2. The reading by the Secretary of the minutes of the last Lodge night ; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
3. The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by absentees from previous meetings.
4. The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other brothers who may have to report the fact of any brother being sick or in distress.

5. The nomination or election of officers, on the evening designated for such nomination or election.

6. The receiving and consideration of reports of Committee on Character, and balloting thereon.

7. The initiation of candidates for membership.

8. The receiving of propositions for membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.

9. The receiving and consideration of any reports of officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.

10. The receiving and consideration of any reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

11. The reading and consideration of accounts and other communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12. Good and welfare : being *first*, unfinished business, in order of priority at former meetings ; and *secondly*, new business.

13. The closing of the Lodge.

III. Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made

by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

IV. No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded ; nor be open for consideration until so put ; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1. To adjourn ;
2. To lay on the table ;
3. To put the previous question ;
4. To postpone ;
5. To refer ; or
6. To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

V. The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following : “ *Shall the question be now put ?* ” which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

VI. If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant

to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question pending as aforesaid.

VII. Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

VIII. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or longest or latest time proposed.

IX. The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any member, duly seconded.

X. After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

XI. Any question decided by the Lodge shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than

by reconsideration, as provided in the foregoing rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

XII. Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

XIII. Any brother intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

XIV. The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call a brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the brother so called to order shall not proceed until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

XV. In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless

it be for necessary explanation : “ *Noble Grand, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge,*” and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he shall deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question : “ *Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair ?*”

XVI. Any Brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologize to the Lodge, or to the aggrieved party, if required to do so by the Presiding Officer, and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer.

XVII. The Presiding Officer of the Lodge may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

XVIII. Brothers, not members of the Lodge, may address the Lodge on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

XIX. No brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

XX. A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II. for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any

time, be carried by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.

XXI. These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

467. The Noble Grand decides all points of order, subject to an appeal to the Lodge. Where there is nothing in our own Laws, Rules of Order, or Usages, upon which to base a decision, the practice of the Canadian Parliament should be taken as a guide.—Jour 1876: p. 1676.

468. Usage requires the Presiding Officer to rise when putting a motion, but it is not imperative.—Jour. 1875: p. 1398.

469. A motion to receive a report, prior to a motion to adopt or amend, is not necessary.—Jour. 1875: p. 1407.

470. An amendment to a resolution already carried cannot be received.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1786, 1864.

471. Amendments may be submitted at any time previous to putting the original motion, unless the previous question is moved.—Jour. 1876: p. 1676.

472. An amendment carried against a motion is not in force until it has been carried as a separate motion.—Jour. 1880: pp. 1925, 1979. (That is to say, an amendment having been carried, it must again be voted on as the original motion so amended.)

473. A motion is not required to enable a Lodge to consider a subject postponed from a previous meeting.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1786, 1864.

474. When any motion comes up for consideration which, according to law, has required previous notice, no amendment that would cover more than the original motion can be received (as for example, if notice is given to appropriate \$30, when the motion comes up for decision an amendment to appropriate \$40 would be illegal.)—Jour. 1876: p. 1677.

475. When any motion comes up for consideration, notice of which had to be previously sent to each member, it may be postponed till another night, and it is not then necessary that

the members should be again notified.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1785, 1864.

476. It is not optional with the Noble Grand to assent or refuse, even if the call for the yeas and nays was not made prior to the declaration of the vote.—Jour. 1878: p. 79.

477. A motion carried at one meeting cannot be declared out of order at the next; the question can only come up on a motion to reconsider.—Jour. 1880: pp. 1924, 1979.

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

See TRIALS.

SEAL.

478. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a suitable seal, a proof impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary, and all reports, certificates and communications shall, in addition to being signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary, be authenticated by the seal being printed or pressed on the body of the document, and not merely attached thereto.—G. L. By. 62.

SESSIONS.

479. The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in August in each year, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at such place as may be appointed at the preceding session thereof; but the Grand Master shall have the power to convene special sessions of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of extraordinary business, which must be stated in the call; provided that two weeks' notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge and Representative of the time and object of such session; and at such session no business shall be transacted other than that stated in the call.
—G. L. C. 14.

480. To constitute a regular or special session of the Grand Lodge, there must be in attendance a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction; and all work shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree. Thirty Representatives shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.
—G. L. C. 15.

481. Should there be present less than a quorum of qualified members, the Grand Mas-

ter shall direct the Grand Lodge Degree to be conferred on such Representatives as are in attendance and not in possession of said Degree, but presenting certificates showing they are entitled to it.—G. L. By. 11.

482. Immediately upon the opening of the Grand Lodge in the prescribed form, the Grand Master shall appoint a Committee on Credentials, who shall consider and report upon the credentials of new Representatives and Past Grands with as little delay as possible; and no other business shall be transacted by the Grand Lodge until the report of said Committee has been acted upon.—G. L. By. 12.

483. Immediately on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials the new Members and Representatives will be admitted and instructed, the minutes of last annual session read, and the roll of Officers and Representatives called. The Grand Master will then appoint the Standing Committees for the session (except otherwise provided) and the reports of Grand Officers and Committees appointed during recess will be read; after which the Grand Secretary will submit all petitions, communications, appeals and accounts, and the roll of Lodges will be called for the

presentation of questions of business. All such reports, communications, petitions, accounts, appeals, questions, and other business shall be referred by the Grand Master as soon as received to appropriate committees unless in any case the Grand Lodge otherwise orders.—G. L. By. 13.

SIGNING.

484. Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of his Lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of the contract between the member and the Order, which contract is complete by the member's initiation or admission by card, such admission by card dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of the Lodge; and every member shall be subject to the said laws as aforesaid, although he may not have signed his name thereto.—S. L. C. 13.

SICK BENEFITS.

See BENEFITS.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

See COMMITTEES.

SPECIAL FUNDS.

See FUNDS.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

See MEETINGS.

SOLICITOR.

485. Every Lodge may at any time elect a Physician, Solicitor, or other officer, required for the operation of the legitimate work of the Lodge, but the person so elected shall not, as such officer, be subject to any of the laws of the Order relating to membership, qualification, or honors, and may be elected under a by-law, resolution, or in any manner and at any time that the Lodge may decide.—
S. L. C. 28.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

486. The Grand Lodge Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of seven members, to whom shall be referred all matters concerning the condition and prospects of the Order.—G. L. By. 45.

SUPPLIES.

487. All rituals, books and blank forms necessary for the proper working of Lodges shall be provided by the Grand Lodge and sold to Subordinates at a uniform advance of twenty-five per cent. on cost. All orders for supplies must be over the seal of the Lodge, and must be accompanied by the amount required to pay the same.—G. L. By. 55.

488. The Grand Lodge Committee on Printing and Supplies shall be composed of the Grand Secretary and two other members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the close of each annual session. During the recess of the Grand Lodge the Committee shall supervise all matters relative to the printing required by the Grand Lodge, the purchase

of all supplies, and the expenditure connected with the Grand Lodge Offices. Purchase shall be made by tender wherever practicable. The Committee shall make a report to the Grand Lodge at each annual session.—G. L. By. 42.

SURRENDER.

See CHARTER, FUNDS, MERGEMENT.

SUSPENSION.

See CHARTER, TRIALS, MEMBERSHIP.

489. It is recommended by Grand Lodge that before a Subordinate Lodge exercises its rights and powers in suspending members for non-payment of dues, each individual case should be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to use every possible justifiable means to save suspension; and that the report of said Committee should be made to the Lodge before final action on the general question.—*Jour.* 1878: p. 93.

490. During a term of suspension on charges a member cannot be suspended for

non-payment of dues accruing during said term.—Jour. 1877 : pp. 1870, 1957.

491. Suspension of a Lodge does not relieve it from paying to Grand Lodge per capita tax.—Jour. 1877 : pp. 1848, 1965.

TERMS.

492. The terms of every Lodge shall be semi-annual or annual, as provided by its By-Laws, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively, if semi-annual, and on the first regular meeting in January if annual.

493. Every term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence, and at the moment the Lodge opens.—S. L. C., 38, 39.

494. The terms of a Subordinate Lodge shall be semi-annual or annual as its By-Laws may provide ; where terms of Lodge are semi-annual its meetings shall be held weekly, but if annual they may be bi-weekly or semi-monthly.—G. L. By. 63.

TITLE.

495. The Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name, style and title of "The Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."—G. L. C. 1.

496. Every Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Third Degree, or Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled Lodge No. I.O.O.F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.—S. L. C. 1.

TRIALS.

See COURTS OF LAW.

497. Every member charged with an offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion (unless for non-payment of dues), shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and of the Rules of Procedure on Trials adopted by the Grand Lodge.

498. No member of a Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall be first submitted to the Lodge in writing by one or more members of the Order in good standing.

499. Any charge or charges so preferred shall be referred to a committee of five members, to be chosen by ballot, three of whom shall be a quorum ; which committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question, in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure on Trials. In selecting this committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

500. Should the report of the Trial Committee not recommend the suspension or expulsion of the member under trial, it shall be acted upon by the Lodge on the night it is presented, unless objection is taken by any member, in which case action shall be deferred until the next regular meeting. Should the Lodge adopt the report of the committee, such action shall be final, unless appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge.

501. Should the Committee report in favor

of suspending or expelling the member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by two or more of their members, in their name.

502. Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the member under charge shall be summoned to attend: and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question, and may either alter, amend, adopt or reject the motion made on behalf of the Trial Committee.

503. Any member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within two months from the date of the action of the Lodge on the matter to be appealed against, said appeal to be prosecuted in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge; and no member shall carry the case to any of the Civil Courts until after the same has been adjudicated upon by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and, on further

appeal, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 58 to 64.

504. The trial of a member under charges who has only attained the First Degree should take place while the Lodge is open in the First Degree.—Jour. 1883 : p. 2378.

505. When a Trial Committee brings in a report that a brother is not guilty, the Lodge has the power to reverse their finding, and declare him guilty.—Jour. 1883 : p. 2378.

506. The vote on a trial should be taken by open vote and not by ballot. A two-thirds vote is not required ; a majority is sufficient.—Jour. 1883 : p. 2378.

507. A District Deputy Grand Master should not be a member of a Trial Committee.—Jour. 1883 : 2378.

508. Unless charges have been preferred, it would be illegal to appoint a committee to investigate reports about a member's character—Jour. 1875 : 1411 ; but this would not prohibit the appointment of a committee to investigate a member's sickness.—Jour. 1880 : pp. 1923, 1979.

509. A decision by civil law should not be held as a reason for not entertaining a charge properly preferred.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1784, 1864.

510. Members of the Degree of Truth are eligible to serve on committees to try Past Grands.—Jour. 1868: pp. 298, 327.

511. Members of a Trial Committee should be in good standing.—Jour. 1880: pp. 1923, 1979.

512. A member of a Trial Committee has no right to appear as a witness to give evidence in the matter.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1786, 1864.

513. A Trial Committee has no right to demand the Lodge Minute Book for evidence, as properly certified copies of the Minutes should be in their possession.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1786, 1864.

514. A Lodge has no right to take evidence, either to prove or disprove statements made against a brother, otherwise than through a Trial Committee.—Jour. 1879: pp. 1786, 1864.

515. Evidence can be taken from persons

not members of the Order.—Jour. 1877: pp. 1870, 1937.

516. If the punishment is fixed as “reprimand,” the adoption of the report is the reprimand.—Jour. 1877: pp. 1870, 1957.

517. It is not obligatory on the Trial Committee to recommend a penalty.—Jour. 1881: pp. 2061, 2118.

518. The evidence taken before the committee can be discussed in open Lodge when the committee’s report is under consideration.—Jour. 1877: p. 1995.

519. The Lodge may refer the report back to the committee for further evidence.—Jour. 1876: pp. 1682, 1697.

520. In case of alleged frauds by a member in business transactions outside the Lodge, the Lodge should not convict unless the frauds are such as a court of justice will take cognizance of.—Jour. 1880: pp. 1924, 1979.

521. On a trial for fraud, a member who was absent at his trial could not be suspended for fraud; he could only be punished for contempt—Jour. 1870: p. 411; that is, if he wil-

fully absented himself, after notice sent him. If service of notice was impracticable, trial for fraud might proceed. (*See Digest 357. Jour. S. G. L. : pp. 2507, 2522, 2531, 5494, 5541.*)

522. A member cannot be tried a second time for the same offence, where no appeal has been made—*Jour. 1879 : pp. 1786, 1864 ; but the member could demand a second trial, on the ground that notice of charges and trial had not been received.—Jour. 1880 : pp. 1924, 1979.*

523.

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

1st. All charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A," and be submitted direct to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

2nd. The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a com-

mittee of five, as near as possible from among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the Convener thereof.

3rd. The accused or accuser, or any member of the Lodge acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on the ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated and considered by the Lodge, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

4th. The Secretary shall affix the seal of the Lodge to one copy of the charge and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused, either personally or by leaving it at his usual place of residence. The Secretary shall also certify under seal the duplicate charge and deliver it to the Convener of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C," of these rules.

5th. The accused shall, within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications, serve his plea or answer to the

same upon the Convener of the Committee, by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

6th. The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the plea in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence, call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser or accused shall be served with personal notice, if they can be found, or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D," at least one week prior to the time fixed for trial.

7th. At the meeting, a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed and the trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on their behalf. Either party may amend their proceedings by leave of the committee.

8th. The report of the committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to

them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the committee should show :—

I. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.

II. The exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.

III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.

IV. All documentary evidence, marked as exhibits.

9th. The finding of the committee shall be entered in the minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to a copy thereof.

10th. The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the regular meeting to be held two weeks after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm or reverse the finding of the committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge or their ruling thereon.

11th. The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th. Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge within two months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of all the proceedings regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

FORM A.—CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of Lodge, No., does hereby charge Bro. A. B., of Lodge, No., with conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow; the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit:—

1st. For that he, the said A. B., did, on the day of, 18.., at the (*Specify the offence and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate thing in violation of law to be under a separate place in the charge.*)

Contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

(Date) (Signed) B. B.

FORM B.—NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Date) 18..

Bro., I hereby enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by of The same was referred to a committee, consisting of (*give names*)..... You are required to file your answer to the charge and specifications, according to the form prescribed, within one

week from the service of this notice, with the first-named member of the committee, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

Fraternally,

..... Secretary.

FORM C.—NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

(Date) 18

To Bro.

I enclose you a charge preferred by against which charge was referred to (*give names*) for trial, of which committee you are convener. The accused was served with a copy of the charge on the day of, and notified to file his answer thereto with you within one week, when you will cause the committee to meet and proceed with the trial.

Fraternally,

..... Secretary.

FORM D.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date) 18..

To A. B. or C. D. (*as the case may be, one to each party*) ;

The Committee on Trial of the charge and specifications made by against will meet at on day of at o'clock p.m., to hear and determine the same. You are required to attend with your witnesses, and (*prosecute or defend the same, as the case may be.*)

I am yours fraternally,

..... Convener of Committee.

FORM E.—PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred by B. B. on the day of say:—

1st. That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.

2nd. That I am not guilty.

3rd. Guilty

4th. I admit the fact stated, but justify the alleged offence.

5th. The complaint is frivolous.

FORM F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

(Date) 18..

To Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned (*a majority of the*) committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by against respectfully report as follows: (*State the finding on each specification.*) The minutes of the committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial are submitted herewith.

(Signed by the committee.)

FORM G.—DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare, upon your honor as an Odd-Fellow, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of against now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you declare.

(The following additional forms are recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as are here submitted, modi-

fied to suit the laws and usages of this jurisdiction. Notices to accused and to witnesses should, if possible, be delivered personally, and should be endorsed on the back as delivered over the signature of the person so delivering; and the receipt thereof should be acknowledged over the signature of the person to whom it is delivered.—Jour. S. G. L., pp. 6542, 6590.)

FORM H.—SUBPÆNA.

..... Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.
To

You are hereby notified and required to appear before the committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred by Bro. at on the day of, 18.., at o'clock of that day, to testify as a witness therein on behalf of said Bro.

By order of committee,

..... Sec. Com.

FORM I.—NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

..... Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.
..... 18..
To

SIR AND BRO.—Take notice that the committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred against you by Bro. have this day filed their report thereon, which will be considered by the Lodge at the meeting to be held on the evening of the day of 18...

Yours in F., L. and T.,

..... Rec. Sec.

FORM J.—NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To Lodge, No., I. O. O. F.:

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals from the action and judgment of this Lodge in the matter of charges preferred against him by Bro. on the following grounds:—

1st. The evidence was insufficient to sustain such charges or the report of the committee thereon, in this: *(Here insert wherein the evidence was insufficient).*

2nd. Errors committed at the trial, and by the Trial Committee, as follows: *(Here insert errors complained of.)*

Dated at the day of 18..

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1. The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee on Trial shall be:—

a Parol evidence (*i.e.*, testimony of living witnesses before committee).

b Depositions procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

c Regularly certified minutes of the Lodge.

d Regularly proved documentary evidence.

Hearsay evidence cannot be received.

The committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the committee upon its minutes.

2. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligation, as Odd-Fellows, according to

"Form G," to be administered by the chairman of the committee.

In case either the party making a charge or the party against whom a charge has been made, desires to have the evidence of any person not a member of the Order, the same shall be taken as follows :

The party giving the evidence shall make a statutory declaration of all the facts relating to the matter withing his own knowledge, in the manner provided for the taking of statutory declarations by chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes of Canada (1886), and to be taken before any of the persons therein authorized to take such declarations ; and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the committee appointed to try the case ; provided always, that the party procuring such declaration to be taken, shall give to the opposite party forty-eight hours' notice in writing of the time and place where and when such declaration will be taken, and the party receiving such notice shall have the right to attend at the time and place appointed, for the purpose of asking such questions as he may wish of the party making such declaration, and the replies to such questions shall be embodied in the declara-

tion ; and in case such notice as is herein required shall not be given, such declaration shall not be received by the committee in evidence. Should the party so notified not attend at the time and place appointed, the declaration shall be taken in his absence, and shall be received by the committee as if the said party had been present.

2. Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the committee.

4. The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desired to call them.

5. Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the committee to give such evidence, and if he shall refuse, after being so required by the committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

TRUST.

See COURTS OF LAW.

524. The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their Charters and the laws of the Order, held only in trust for charitable purposes ; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law—the penalty for which is expulsion ; and any member participating in such illegal diversion of Lodge property from its legitimate objects will be held personally responsible for the money or effects so diverted, and will be liable to prosecution by the Grand Lodge in the Civil Courts. If a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the Charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.—G. L. C. 21.

525. All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge which has ceased to work shall be held in trust : first, for the benefit of any Brother

and Widow or Orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-Laws of such Lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same ; and the balance, if any, to be returned to such Subordinate Lodge should it be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension ; provided, however, that should said Lodge not be restored to fellowship within five years, the funds and properties of said Lodge may be disposed of or used under the direction of the Grand Lodge in aiding or assisting any working Lodge, or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or for such other charitable purposes as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.
—G. L. By. 66.

UNION.

526. When two or more Lodges desire to be united, each Lodge shall present a petition to that effect to the Grand Lodge, or during recess, to the Grand Master ; such petition shall set forth that the question of union had been affirmatively voted upon after due notice sent each member, and that there were not five

members able and willing to retain the Charter and work the Lodge ; and shall also give a statement of the funds and effects, and assets and liabilities of the Lodge, and a list of members, with their rank and financial standing and P. O. address.

527. On receipt of said petition the Grand Lodge, or during recess, the Grand Master, may grant the prayer and authorize the amalgamation of the petitioning Lodges.

528. When the union of said petitioning Lodges has been approved, the Grand Master shall cause notice to be sent to each unsuspended member of the several Lodges at least one week prior to the date fixed for effecting such union, and shall summon him to be present in person at the time and place appointed for that purpose ; and shall also notify the officers of the several Lodges to produce and surrender at said time and place all the funds, effects, books, papers and Charters of the said Lodges.

529. On the production and surrender of all the said funds, effects, books, papers and Charters, the Grand Master shall issue a dispensation for a Lodge to the members of the

several Lodges present and desiring to be united, and shall, in person or by Deputy, institute the same; and shall transfer to it, as soon as instituted, all the funds, effects, books and papers of the united Lodges; and said Lodge shall therewith assume and pay all the liabilities and responsibilities of the several Lodges out of which it has been formed, and its members shall have such rank and standing as the books of the uniting Lodges shall show.

530. Any member of any of the uniting Lodges who shall fail to be present at the institution of the united Lodge may, on application to the Grand Secretary, receive a Withdrawal Card, as provided for members of extinct Lodges, and should he apply for admission by such card to the united Lodge within six months from the date of its institution, the vote necessary for his election to membership shall be a majority vote by ballot of those present and voting.—G. L. By. 74 to 78.

VACANCY.

531. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Grand Representative, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, or Grand Treasurer, by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a member of the Order to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers and Grand Representatives, provided always, that the member so chosen shall serve only until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge, when in the event of the term in the vacant office being still unexpired, the Representatives present shall elect by ballot a member to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.—G. L. C. 11.

532. In the absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master shall preside; in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master the Grand Warden shall preside; in the absence of the above-named officers the Junior Past Grand Master shall take the chair; and if no Past Grand Master be present, a Representative shall be chosen by open vote to preside during the meeting, or until the arrival of the proper officer.—G. L. By. 10.

533. The Deputy Grand Master shall act as the assistant of the Grand Master, and, during the absence of that officer, shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex-officio*, become Grand Master until the next regular session thereafter.—G. L. By. 24.

534. The Grand Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; he shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it; and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge-room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge. And in the event of a vacancy in the office of Deputy Grand Master, he shall perform the duties of that office until the first regular session thereafter.—G. L. By. 25.

535. The resignation by any member of his office as Representative must be addressed in writing to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to

consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient ; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.—G. L. By. 4.

536. Any office in a Lodge, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.—S. L. C. 30.

537. Any vacancy in office in a Lodge, by resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be. In the case of elective officers, the election may take place on the second night of nomination ; and the members so elected or appointed shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.—S. L. C. 31.

VALUATION TABLES.

538. The following Valuation Tables, compiled by Bro. A. McGregor, Actuary (Past

Grand of Covenant Lodge, No. 52, Toronto), for the purpose of enabling any Lodge to make a valuation of its financial standing, were approved by the Grand Lodge in 1890.—(See Jour., p. 4918):—

In the compilation of the accompanying tables it is assumed in every case that there is but one general fund in the Lodge. By putting all the assets into one fund, or assuming that there is but one fund, it is so simplified that any good Permanent Secretary or other experienced member can, with the aid of the tables and examples, make the valuations without difficulty.

The basis upon which the reserves or values are computed, is a low basis, or a kind of minimum system. It will therefore be proper for Lodges to enact a by-law, which will enable them to call upon members to make good a deficiency, if there should be one.

The following form of by-law would be a very proper one:—

“ If, after a valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Lodge has been made, as directed by the Grand Lodge, it is found that the fund on hand is below the line of solvency, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to instruct the Permanent Secretary forthwith to raise by an assessment, to be levied in equal proportion upon every member of the Lodge, the amount necessary to bring the fund up to the required standard of solvency.”

If the impairment of the funds of the Lodge be very great (say \$2.00 or more per member) it would be better to make a by-law increasing the dues to such a degree that the impairment may be made good in two or three years. Making assessment is not generally a good way

to raise funds; assessment is not a good term, and should only be applied when there is but a small deficit. If the amount to be raised is small, it is more convenient to raise it by an assessment than by any other way but members will pay increased dues more willingly and agreeably than they will pay assessments.

This testing of the Lodge's solvency is for the use of the Lodges only; and the Lodges may keep the result of the valuation to themselves, or they may let the Order know the result by sending it to the Grand Secretary; and it appears to me that provision might be made for inserting the valuation statement in the Grand Lodge Journal.

If the Lodges make valuations of their assets and liabilities from time to time, and show that they are worthy and competent to manage such an important trust as the funds of our excellent institution—Odd-Fellowship—in Ontario, we would be likely to have our own way undisturbed; but if we are lax and indifferent as to future results of our maturing obligations, the government would be likely to place our Lodges under strict supervision, which would be both costly and inconvenient to the Order.

The Reserves in the tables are carried through from the age at initiation to age 75; and the ages at initiation are from 21 to 55.

If it should be that a Lodge has any considerable number of members who have attained a greater age than 75, an additional five or ten years' Reserve can be added to the Valuation Tables.

There are about thirteen hundred and thirty Reserves or values in the tables.

The graded dues system requires the whole table for

the purpose of making valuations ; the level dues system, only the Reserves that are opposite age twenty-one, fifty-five in number.

In making up the assets of the Lodge, the unpaid dues should in every instance be considered a valid asset ; for if the dues are not paid, and the member suspended, the Reserve or fund forfeited by the member is always greater than the unpaid dues could be.

How to value Lodge furniture, is an open question. I think Lodge furniture should not generally be considered an asset. But if a furnished Lodge room is producing a revenue by being let on vacant nights to other Lodges, or Orders, then, in that case, the furniture should be valued as an asset.

But if a Lodge which is barely solvent should include in its assets its furniture, ten per cent. of the purchase money should be counted off for each year that it has been in use.

If a Lodge, in making its valuations, should find that one or more of its members are more than 75 years old, an approximate estimate can be made from the values immediately preceding that age.

The valuation tables are:—For sick benefits \$4 a week ; funeral benefit \$40, and widow's benefit \$100. The promises of some Lodges may be more than the above, and some less ; in the meantime we will have to use the tables as submitted, without any variation, on account of greater or lesser benefits being promised by the different Lodges. Possibly all the Lodges of the jurisdiction may yet come to see the necessity of having a uniformity of benefits and fees and dues.

VALUATION TABLES FOR ODD-FELLOWS' LODGES.

When the DUES are graded with age: Sick Benefits, \$4.00 per week; Funeral Benefit, \$40; Widows' Benefit, \$100.

AGE.	1st Year.	2nd Year.	3rd Year.	4th Year.	5th Year.	6th Year.	7th Year.	8th Year.	9th Year.	10th Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
21	16.00	16.72	17.47	18.24	19.05	19.89	20.77	21.67	22.62	23.60
22	16.00	16.75	17.53	18.34	19.18	20.06	20.97	21.92	22.91	23.93
23	16.00	16.78	17.60	18.45	19.33	20.25	21.20	22.20	23.23	24.30
24	16.00	16.82	17.68	18.56	19.49	20.45	21.44	22.48	23.55	24.67
25	16.00	16.86	17.75	18.68	19.65	20.65	21.69	22.77	23.88	25.06
26	16.00	16.90	17.83	18.80	19.81	20.86	21.95	23.07	24.25	25.48
27	16.00	16.94	17.92	18.92	19.99	21.08	22.22	23.40	24.63	25.91
28	16.00	16.98	18.00	19.07	20.17	21.32	22.51	23.74	25.03	26.37
29	16.00	17.03	18.10	19.21	20.36	21.56	22.81	24.10	25.45	26.83
30	16.00	17.08	18.20	19.36	20.56	21.82	23.04	24.48	25.88	27.36
31	16.00	17.13	18.30	19.52	20.78	22.11	23.46	24.87	26.36	27.86
32	16.00	17.18	18.41	19.68	21.01	22.39	23.80	25.31	26.84	28.48
33	16.00	17.24	18.53	19.86	21.25	22.68	24.20	25.74	27.40	29.09
34	16.00	17.30	18.65	20.05	21.45	23.02	24.58	26.25	27.96	29.74
35	16.00	17.36	18.77	20.24	21.79	23.35	25.03	26.76	28.56	30.42

33	16.00	17.24	18.53	19.36	21.25	22.68	24.20	25.74	27.40	29.09
34	16.00	17.30	18.65	20.05	21.45	23.02	24.58	26.25	27.96	29.74
35	16.00	17.36	18.77	20.24	21.79	23.35	25.03	26.76	28.56	30.42

36	16.00	17.43	18.90	20.46	22.04	23.75	25.49	27.29	29.19	31.14
37	16.00	17.49	19.07	20.66	22.39	24.15	25.98	27.88	29.85	31.87
38	16.00	17.60	19.21	20.95	22.72	24.59	26.51	28.49	30.53	32.63
39	16.00	17.66	19.40	21.20	23.07	25.02	27.02	29.09	31.20	33.36
40	16.00	17.75	19.58	21.48	23.44	25.47	27.56	29.70	31.90	34.14
41	16.00	17.85	19.77	21.76	23.82	25.93	28.10	30.33	32.60	34.92
42	16.00	17.95	19.97	22.05	24.19	26.40	28.64	30.95	31.30	35.69
43	16.00	18.05	20.16	22.33	24.68	26.85	29.18	31.57	34.00	36.52
44	16.00	18.14	20.44	22.61	24.95	27.30	29.72	32.19	34.70	37.26
45	16.00	18.24	20.54	22.89	25.30	27.75	30.27	32.82	35.42	38.07
46	16.00	18.33	20.73	23.17	25.70	28.22	30.82	33.46	36.01	38.87
47	16.00	18.43	20.92	23.46	26.10	28.69	31.38	34.11	36.89	39.70
48	16.00	18.53	21.11	23.77	26.34	28.19	31.96	34.78	37.65	40.58
49	16.00	18.63	21.32	24.06	26.84	29.68	32.55	35.47	38.41	41.40
50	16.00	18.74	21.53	24.37	27.25	30.19	33.16	36.19	39.21	42.31
51	16.00	18.84	21.74	24.69	27.68	30.71	33.80	36.89	40.04	43.21
52	16.00	18.96	21.96	25.02	28.11	31.26	34.43	37.64	40.88	44.15
53	16.00	19.07	22.18	25.35	28.59	31.80	35.08	38.40	41.74	45.09
54	16.00	19.19	21.42	25.72	29.02	32.37	35.76	39.18	42.60	46.04
55	16.00	19.31	22.68	26.06	29.49	32.96	36.45	39.96	43.48	47.00

VALUATION TABLES—Continued.

When the DUES are graded with age: Sick Benefits, \$4.00 per week; Funeral Benefit, \$40; Widows Benefit, \$100.

AGE.	11th Year.	12th Year.	13th Year.	14th Year.	15th Year.	16th Year.	17th Year.	18th Year.	19th Year.	20th Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
21	24.62	25.67	26.78	27.91	29.10	30.33	31.62	32.95	34.34	35.78
22	25.00	26.10	27.25	28.45	29.69	30.98	32.32	33.71	35.16	36.68
23	25.40	26.56	27.76	29.00	30.29	31.64	33.04	34.50	36.00	37.59
24	25.83	27.04	28.29	29.59	30.92	32.36	33.66	35.36	36.95	38.60
25	26.26	27.54	28.85	30.20	31.63	33.08	34.65	36.25	37.92	39.64
26	26.75	28.06	29.44	30.87	32.35	33.90	35.51	37.19	38.92	40.72
27	27.24	28.60	30.05	31.52	33.11	34.73	36.42	38.17	39.97	41.83
28	27.71	29.20	30.68	32.28	33.91	35.61	37.37	39.19	41.06	42.98
29	28.31	29.80	31.40	33.05	34.76	36.53	38.35	40.24	42.97	44.15
30	28.86	30.48	32.14	33.86	35.65	37.49	39.40	41.33	43.32	45.36
31	29.51	31.18	32.91	34.57	36.57	38.48	40.58	42.44	44.51	46.60
32	30.16	31.91	33.72	35.60	37.53	39.50	41.53	43.60	45.70	47.86
33	30.72	32.69	34.58	36.52	38.51	40.54	42.69	44.77	46.95	49.16
34	31.59	33.49	35.45	37.45	39.53	41.63	43.78	45.97	48.21	50.49
35	32.35	34.33	36.36	38.43	40.56	42.73	44.73	47.20	49.51	51.84

33	30.72	32.69	34.58	36.52	38.51	40.54	42.69	44.77	46.95	49.16
34	31.59	33.49	35.45	37.45	39.53	41.63	43.78	45.97	48.21	50.49
35	32.35	34.33	36.36	38.43	40.56	42.73	44.73	47.20	49.51	51.84

36	33.13	35.18	37.27	39.43	41.62	43.85	46.14	48.45	50.82	53.27
37	33.74	36.08	38.15	40.44	42.70	45.00	47.34	49.73	52.21	54.67
38	34.77	36.96	39.20	41.48	43.81	46.21	48.59	51.06	53.52	56.04
39	35.60	37.85	40.23	42.52	44.91	47.33	49.82	52.33	54.89	57.43
40	36.42	38.77	41.15	43.58	46.04	48.55	51.09	53.68	56.25	58.90
41	37.28	39.70	42.15	44.65	47.19	49.76	52.38	54.99	57.67	60.37
42	38.14	40.62	43.16	45.73	48.34	50.99	53.62	56.36	59.08	61.86
43	39.04	41.57	44.17	46.82	49.51	52.19	54.95	57.70	60.50	63.32
44	39.87	42.51	45.20	48.13	50.65	53.45	56.26	59.09	61.89	64.79
45	40.75	43.48	46.25	49.01	51.86	54.70	57.59	60.48	63.36	66.27
46	41.63	44.46	47.27	50.16	53.06	55.99	58.92	61.86	64.81	67.77
47	42.57	45.43	48.37	51.32	54.29	57.28	60.26	63.26	66.25	69.23
48	43.47	46.46	49.45	52.49	55.53	58.57	61.62	64.66	67.69	70.71
49	44.45	47.51	50.59	53.68	56.78	59.88	62.98	66.07	69.14	72.18
50	45.43	48.56	51.72	54.88	58.04	61.20	64.35	67.49	70.57	73.65
51	46.42	49.64	52.86	56.09	59.31	62.53	65.71	68.87	72.00	75.11
52	47.27	51.00	54.02	57.30	60.58	64.05	67.06	70.26	73.43	76.55
53	48.45	51.82	55.17	58.52	61.85	65.14	68.41	71.65	74.84	77.99
54	49.48	52.91	56.33	59.74	63.10	66.45	69.76	72.74	76.34	79.43
55	50.51	54.01	57.49	60.91	64.36	67.75	71.09	74.66	77.64	80.83

VALUATION TABLES—Continued.

When the DUES are graded with age: Sick Benefits, \$4.00 per week; Funeral Benefit, \$40; Widow's Benefit, \$100.

AGE.	21st Year.	22nd Year.	23rd Year.	24th Year.	25th Year.	26th Year.	27th Year.	28th Year.	29th Year.	30th Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
21	37.29	38.86	40.49	42.18	43.93	45.71	47.54	49.43	51.35	53.32
22	38.25	39.89	41.59	43.34	45.08	47.04	48.93	50.82	52.80	54.88
23	39.23	40.94	42.74	44.55	46.41	48.31	49.25	52.24	54.27	56.34
24	40.35	42.10	43.90	45.79	47.70	49.66	51.66	53.70	55.78	57.90
25	41.42	43.26	45.14	47.06	49.03	51.04	53.14	55.19	57.32	59.48
26	42.56	44.46	46.39	48.37	50.40	52.47	54.57	56.71	58.89	61.10
27	43.73	45.63	47.68	49.71	51.79	53.77	56.06	58.26	60.48	62.74
28	44.94	46.94	48.99	51.09	53.22	55.39	57.60	59.82	62.11	64.43
29	46.17	48.24	50.34	52.49	54.68	56.90	59.16	61.45	63.78	66.10
30	47.40	49.56	51.72	53.93	56.17	58.86	60.75	63.10	65.43	67.84
31	48.74	50.92	53.14	55.38	57.68	59.99	62.38	64.73	67.16	69.56
32	50.06	52.30	54.56	56.88	59.23	61.62	63.99	66.44	68.89	71.36
33	51.42	53.72	56.04	58.40	60.81	63.21	65.68	68.15	70.64	73.15
34	52.80	55.15	57.54	59.96	62.38	64.87	67.36	69.83	72.41	74.94
35	54.21	56.61	59.07	61.50	64.02	66.54	69.08	71.63	74.18	76.74

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VALUATION TABLES—Continued.

When the DUES are graded with age: Sick Benefits, \$4.00 per week; Funeral Benefit, \$40; Widows' Benefit, \$100.

AGE.	31st Year.	32nd Year.	33rd Year.	34th Year.	35th Year.	36th Year.	37th Year.	38th Year.	39th Year.	40th Year.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
21	55.20	57.37	59.45	61.57	63.72	65.91	68.11	70.33	72.60	74.91
22	56.88	58.97	61.10	63.26	65.49	67.68	69.92	72.20	74.49	76.80
23	58.45	60.59	62.76	64.96	67.21	69.44	71.74	74.05	76.38	78.70
24	60.08	62.23	64.44	66.71	68.95	71.27	73.59	75.93	78.28	80.63
25	61.68	63.92	66.16	68.44	70.77	73.10	75.46	77.82	80.20	82.56
26	63.34	65.63	67.90	70.24	72.59	74.96	77.34	79.72	82.11	84.49
27	64.04	66.33	69.69	72.15	74.44	76.93	79.23	81.63	84.13	86.40
28	66.73	69.11	71.52	73.89	76.30	78.61	81.13	82.54	85.95	88.34
29	68.53	70.89	73.30	75.73	78.16	80.60	83.03	85.45	87.86	90.24
30	70.25	72.67	75.14	77.58	80.04	82.49	84.93	87.36	89.75	92.14
31	72.04	74.51	76.98	79.32	81.92	84.38	86.82	89.19	91.65	94.00
32	73.85	76.33	78.83	81.32	83.80	86.26	88.68	91.19	93.52	95.88

33	100.06	102.33	104.13
34	101.85	104.28	
35	103.78		

VALUATION TABLES—Continued.

When the DUES are graded with age: Sick Benefits, \$4.00 per week; Funeral Benefit, \$40; Widows' Benefit, \$100.

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VALUATION TABLES FOR ODD-FELLOWS' LODGES.

When the INITIATION FEE is graded with age and level dues:—Sick Benefits, \$4 per week; Funeral Benefit, \$40; Widows' Benefit, \$100.

Age.	\$	Age.	\$	Age.	\$	Age.	\$	Age.	\$
21	16.00	32	25.67	43	40.49	54	61.57	65	86.48
22	16.72	33	26.78	44	42.18	55	63.72	66	88.78
23	17.47	34	27.91	45	43.93	56	65.91	67	91.08
24	18.24	35	29.10	46	45.71	57	68.11	68	93.36
25	19.05	36	30.32	47	47.54	58	70.33	69	95.61
26	19.89	37	31.62	48	49.48	59	72.60	70	96.84
27	20.77	38	32.95	49	51.35	60	74.91	71	100.03
28	21.67	39	34.34	50	53.32	61	77.22	72	102.18
29	22.62	40	35.78	51	55.20	62	79.47	73	104.36
30	23.60	41	37.29	52	57.37	63	81.84	74	106.47
31	24.62	42	38.86	53	59.45	64	84.16	75	108.57

A Lodge having changed its system of dues from the level to the graded a valuation should be made for all the members then in the Lodge who are paying on the level plan, by level dues tables, and those paying on the graded dues should use the graded dues table for the valuation of the Lodge. And if that change should be the other way, then with the tables it would be *vice versa*. A Lodge having made a change either way would require to use both tables. If a change of dues had been made twelve or fifteen years ago the difference would be insignificant, and one table only need be used.

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EXAMPLE FOR WORKING UNDER FORM 2.

NAME.	Present Age.	Degree At- tained.	Fund Re- quired.
Benjamin	30	3	\$23.60
Julius	21	3	16.00
Jacob	22	3	16.72
Dickens	50	3	53.32
Scott	50	Initiary	43.32
Byron	50	2	49.32
Milton	50	1	46.32
Brougham	75	3	108.57
Jones	39	3	34.34
Brown	27	3	20.77
Footing			412.28

EXPLANATION FOR LODGES HAVING GRADED DUES.

The Permanent Secretary should fill up Form No. 1; and when the name, age at initiation, date of initiation, degree attained and year of membership is filled in, ascertain from the Tables, opposite the age you are dealing with, and along the line as many years as the membership, will be found the figures or reserve to be put in the column headed "Fund required," and so on for each member of the Lodge, and for each age and year of membership.

EXAMPLE.—The age at entry is 30, and the year of membership is 10; the figures under the 10th year in the

table is \$27.36, and if the year of membership is 40, the figures under the 40th year should be put in the column under "Fund required," and so on. And when the values belonging to each member is filled in, place the footings in their proper place in "Form 3," under the heading "Liabilities."

If there be any beneficiary widows, they are a separate present liability.

The valuation figures in the Tables are in every case for the beginning of the year.

The reserves or values in the Tables include the initiation and degree fees; it is assumed, in every case, that the initiation fee is \$6.00, and the degree fee is \$10.00, making \$16.00, and the increasing reserve added to the \$16.00 makes each member's liability to the Lodge.

If there be to the credit of each member in Lodge the amounts stated in the Tables, according to his age at entry and year of membership, new members coming into the Lodge and paying the assumed initiation and degree fees, and assuming the dues which his age calls for, he is then on an equality with each member of the Lodge, and the other members of the Lodge neither gain nor lose by the new entrant. And another Lodge taking over such a Lodge as the above, and assuming their liabilities, if they are equally solvent, neither gains nor loses by such an amalgamation.

It is assumed, in making the values, that the degrees are paid for; where they are not paid, or not paid in full, deduct the unpaid portion from the values.

FORM NO. I.

FORM TO BE FILLED BY THE PERMANENT
SECRETARY.

FOR GRADED DUES.

NAME.	Age at Initiation.	Date of Initiation.	Degree Attained.	Year of Membership.	Fund Required.

EXAMPLE FOR WORKING UNDER FORM I.

NAME.	Age at Initiation.	Date of Initiation.	Degree Attained.	Year of Membership.	Fund Required.
Jones	30	July, 1880	3	10th	\$27.36
Smith	50	" "	3	10th	42.31
Brown	50	July, 1890	3	1st	16.00
Chisholm	50	" "	Initiary	1st	6.00
Hamilton	50	" "	2	1st	12.00
Clarke	21	July, 1850	3	40th	74.91
Williams	35	" "	3	40th	101.34
McGill	21	July, 1889	3	2nd	16.72
Munro	55	" "	3	2nd	19.31

FORM NO. 3.

VALUATION STATEMENT.

Valuation Statement of _____ Lodge No. _____, I.O.O.F.

Assets—

Investments and cash on hand \$

Unpaid dues \$

*Liabilities—*The sum of the Reserves that should
be to the credit of the members.... \$Liabilities on account of present
widows, if any \$

Surplus over Liabilities \$

Deficit (if any) \$

VISITING CARD.

539. Any member of a Lodge in good standing and free from all charges shall be entitled to a Visiting Card on payment of all dues for the period for which said Card is required, and of a fee not exceeding fifty cents.

Fund Re-
quired.Fund Re-
quired.

\$27.36
42.31
16.00
6.00
12.00
74.91
101.34
16.72
19.31

During recess of the Lodge such Card may be issued by the Noble Grand and Secretary.—S. L. C. 17.

540. The fee for a Visiting Card shall not exceed fifty cents, and may be applied to the general fund or any special fund, as the Lodge may provide by its By-Laws.—S. L. C. 48.

VISITOR.

541. Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-word for the term, present a proper card, or are introduced by an elective Grand Officer, or by any Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario.—S. L. C. 37.

542. The decisions and laws of a Lodge are binding on visitors as well as members (so far as practicable.); and visitors are subject to charges if they refuse obedience to the Noble Grand and the Lodge.—Jour. 1871 : pp. 468, 469, 476.

543. A visitor presenting an order for the Term or travelling Pass-word should receive the same from the Noble Grand—Jour. 1880 :

pp. 1923, 1979; and should not be submitted to any examination further than is necessary to establish his identity.—Jour. 1878: pp. 19, 76.

544. Visiting brothers, when ill, are entitled to the same care and attention as members of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction they may be taken ill.—Jour. 1879: p. 1864.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS:

545. The receipts and disbursements in a Lodge on account of any special fund shall be kept separate and distinct from the general fund, and any money appropriated to a Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be used only for the payment of benefits and relief to the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Lodge. No portion of the regular dues, initiation or Degree fees of the Lodge shall be applied to a contingent fund or special fund provided for amusement or entertainment purposes, or for any purpose other than the payment of benefits, relief and general maintenance.—S. L. C. 45.

546. Every Lodge shall make such disposition of its Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the relief and benefit of the widows and orphans

of deceased members of the Lodge, who were in good standing as required by the By-Laws at the time of their decease, as it shall see fit, except by annuity.—S. L. C. 55.

547. A Lodge may limit the period for which benefits shall be paid to widows or orphans to a certain number of years.—Jour. 1875 : p. 1407.

548. In the event of the widow of a deceased *bona fide* member becoming immoral, any benefits accruing to her should be discontinued—and paid to the children.—Jour. 1877 : p. 1994. (Considerable caution would have to be exercised in acting on this decision, especially if the Lodge was incorporated; unless the immorality of the widow was established to the satisfaction of a Civil Court, her benefits could not be transferred to other parties.)

549. The child of a deceased member is an orphan, in the terms of the By-Laws, when they specify benefits to children up to fourteen years—even though the mother has re-married.—Jour. 1877 : p. 1992.

550. A widow having assigned her benefits to her children, the latter would be entitled to receive the amount just so long as the widow

herself would have been entitled to them had she not so assigned.—Jour. 1878: p. 79.

551. In voting money to the widows and orphans of brothers not in good standing at the time of death, the law providing for relief in special cases must be strictly followed.—Jour. 1870: pp. 417, 418.

552. A Lodge cannot by vote make a disqualified member good on the books, so as to entitle his widow to benefits.—Jour. 1880: p. 1978.

WITHDRAWAL.

553. Any member in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from a Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership,

and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.—S. L. C. 16.

554. The fee for a Withdrawal Card shall not exceed fifty cents, and may be applied to the general fund or any special fund, as the Lodge may provide by its By-Laws.—S. L. C. 48.

555. Should any member receiving a Withdrawal Card from a Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be readmitted to membership and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the entrance fee, or any portion thereof.—S. L. C. 18.

556. Every Lodge may, by By-Law, fix the time after admission at which a member shall become entitled to benefits, but a member admitted on an unexpired Withdrawal Card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon his admission to membership.—S. L. C. 56.

557. When a member takes a Withdrawal Card, if his account with the Lodge is overpaid (dues paid in advance), he should be refunded the balance so overpaid.—Jour. 1878: pp. 19,76.

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